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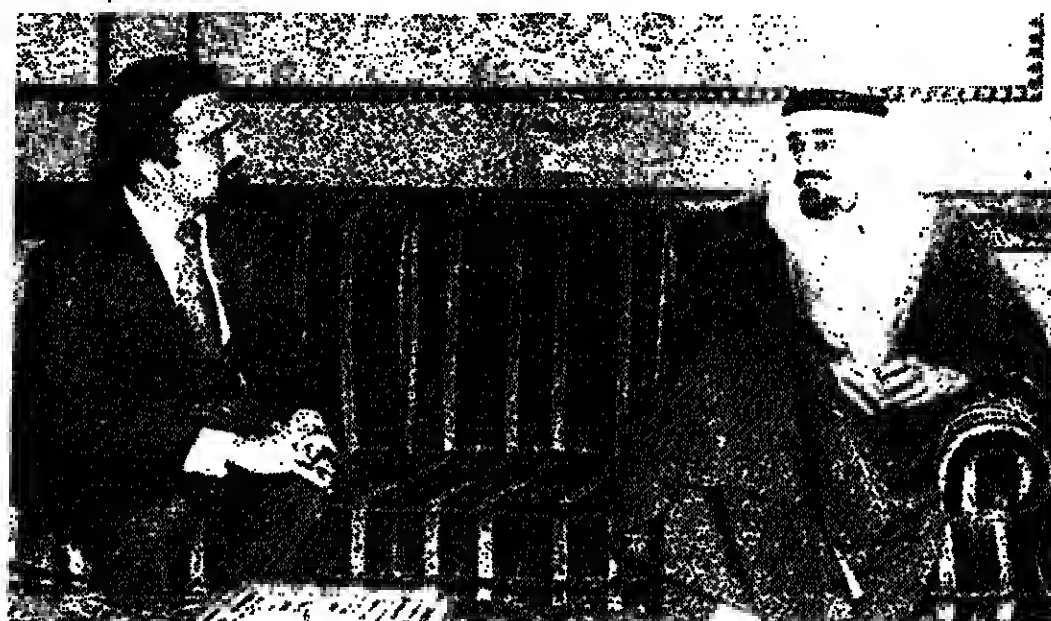
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JORDAN VISITOR: King Khalid receives Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan Sunday.

Khaled receives Arab officials

RIYADH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Modhar Badran were received by King Khalid here Sunday.

Prince Hassan visited the country for one day to congratulate King Khalid on his recovery from a recent illness. He left Riyadh the same day for Amman via Medina to pray at the Prophet's mosque.

King Khalid also received the Iraqi Minister of Housing and members of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council Taha Yassin Ramadan who, according to the Iraqi News Agency, exchanged views with Saudi leaders on the developments in the Arab world following last month's summit in Baghdad.

The King also received the Tunisian Information Minister Shazli Al-Qulabi Sunday who

conveyed to the monarch the best wishes of President Habib Bourguiba.

The Tunisian minister will attend the meetings of the special committee formed by the

Islamic Secretariat to prepare a program for the advent of the 15th Century of the Hijra which marked the departure of Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina.

Cabinet discusses
UAE-Saudi accord

RIYADH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Sunday discussed a report on a co-operation agreement between Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates submitted by Minister of Finance and National Economy, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail.

The cabinet meeting was chaired by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the agreement aims at promoting trade and development projects between the two countries and is similar to accords signed with Qatar and Kuwait. Sheikh Aba Al-Khail said that the agreement grants reciprocal rights and privileges to citizens of both countries in investment of capital.

The Council also reviewed a report by Prince Miteh, minister of public works and housing on new projects in Mina, the pilgrimage site, and approved requests made by the minister.

The Council emphasized the importance of carrying out all the special projects in the pilgrimage sites so that pilgrims can perform their duties with ease and comfort.

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Lebanon
politicians
call on
Shaer

BEIRUT, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Lebanese Prime Minister Dr. Salim Hoss Saturday called on Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Ali Shaer at the American University Hospital.

Shaer was slightly wounded Friday by shrapnel in his right leg when his helicopter was machinegunned by right-wing militiamen near Jounieh, 16 kms north of Beirut.

Minister of Defense and Foreign Affairs Fuad Butros Sunday made a similar visit.

A larger number of Lebanese politicians and prominent personalities visited the hospital.

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Habash calls for confrontation
to liberate occupied territory

BEIRUT, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — Radical Palestinian leader George Habash Sunday called for a direct confrontation with Israel to liberate all occupied Arab territories.

Dr. Habash, chief of the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), told a rally here that the Arab world had the military strength to defeat the Jewish state, despite what he termed "the surrender policies of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat."

He was cheered by hundreds

of heavily-armed combatants who attended the rally marking the 11th anniversary of the PFLP.

"Our objective is the liberation of our masses in Haifa, Jaffa and all of Palestine," he said.

PFLP officials said he was restating the Front's firm rejection of any negotiated agreement to grant the Palestinians self-determination in only limited areas of their homeland.

Habash said the victories of progressive forces in Vietnam, Cuba, Angola and Mo-

zambique gave the Palestinians confidence "of ultimately defeating Israel and its imperialist supporters."

He repeatedly condemned President Sadat's peace initiative, saying Egypt had exposed the Arab world to "the Zionist cancer."

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), made a brief speech in support of Habash, saying: "Armed struggle is our only road. We have no other road to reach Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and every inch of our occupied homeland."

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Men and women, some carrying children, wept as marchers passed carrying gruesome color blowups of alleged victims of army gunfire.

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Westerners Flee

Anti-Western hostility, including firebomb attacks on Westerners' homes, has touched off a mass exodus of foreigners. Some 9,000, two-thirds of them U.S. nationals, have fled Iran since September.

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TEHRAN, Dec. 10 (Agencies)—Hundreds of thousands of anti-Shah demonstrators marched through downtown Tehran Sunday in a massive peaceful rally to show their opposition to the monarch.

The army estimated 300,000 persons paraded down Shahreza Avenue, one of the city's main boulevards.

March organizers claimed up to 2 million joined what they termed "a referendum in the streets" to show Iranians want the Shah to step down.

The seething mass of protesters virtually took over the center of Tehran for the day. Thousands of troops backed by tanks withdrew before dawn to the outskirts to avoid provoking a bloody confrontation.

The army ringed the downtown section with roadblocks and several military helicopters hovered above the march that ended in Shahyad Square near the airport.

There was no trouble during the six-hour march, despite warnings by army commanders that extremists planned to infiltrate it and trigger a bloodbath between protesters and troops.

Iran's military prime minister, Gen. Gholamreza Azhari, lifted a martial law ban on political processions two days ago and permitted the march in a bid to head off bloodshed.

Opposition sources claimed huge marches were also held Sunday in the holy city of Mashhad in northeast Iran, Tabriz in the northwest and a half-dozen other provincial centers.

The Tehran march was the biggest street demonstration against the 59-year-old Shah since his political and religious foes launched their campaign to oust him 11 months ago.

Message to Palace

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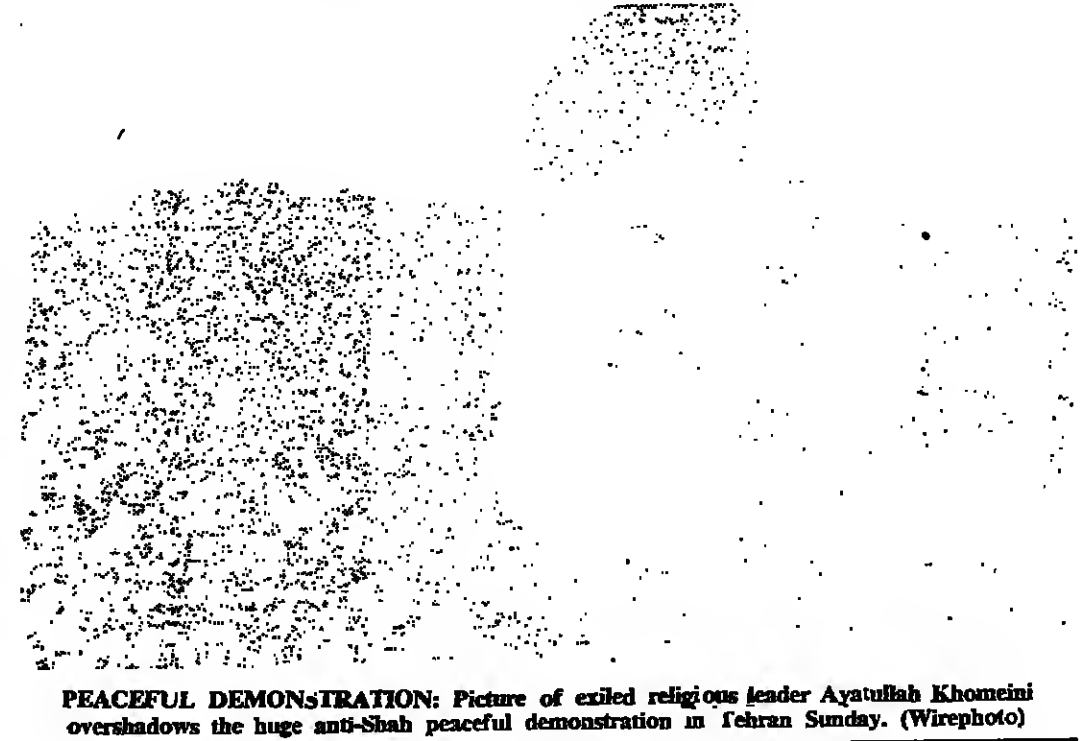
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Feared showdown averted in Iran



PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION: Picture of exiled religious leader Ayatullah Khomeini overshadows the huge anti-Shah peaceful demonstration in Tehran Sunday. (Wirephoto)

Sadat, Begin renew pledge
to achieve Mideast peace

OSLO, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin pledged themselves to Middle East peace when the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize was formally presented to them Sunday inside a 14th century castle ringed by police sharpshooters.

Outside the Akershus fortress overlooking Oslo Fjord two-Palestinian demonstrators chained themselves to railings. (See story on page 3)

Sadat did not come to Oslo for the Nobel award ceremony but sent Sayed Marei, a personal aide, to represent him. Officials chose the thick-walled fortress for the ceremony on security grounds, breaking a 78-year tradition of holding it in Oslo University.

Both Sadat and Begin in their acceptance speeches warmly praised President Carter for calling the Camp David conference which produced a draft framework for an Egyptian-Israeli settlement.

Begin said the Camp David document could be the start of a treaty putting an end to hostility and war. "It could serve as the first indispensable

step along the road towards a comprehensive peace in our region," he said.

Peace would invigorate and transform the Middle East into a center of advancement in every sphere of creative endeavor, he said. He congratulated Sadat on his share of the prize.

President Sadat did not refer to Begin in the speech read for him by Marei.

He stressed the importance of the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations for the Palestinians.

He said the aim of the peace process "is to bring security to the peoples of the area, and the Palestinians in particular, restoring to them all their right to a life of liberty and dignity."

The Egyptian leader pledged: "We in Egypt — with the future rather than the past in mind — are determined to pursue in good faith, as we have always done, the road to peace, and to leave no avenue unexplored to reach this cherished goal."

Sadat added: "We have now come, in the peace process, to a moment of truth which requires each one of us to take a new look at the situation."

"I trust that you all know that when I made my historic trip to Jerusalem my aim was not to strike a deal as some politicians do."

"I made my trip because I am convinced that we owe it to this generation and the generations to come, not to leave a stone unturned in our pursuit of peace," he said.

Outlining his conception of peace, he said: "The true essence of peace which ensures its stability and durability, is justice. 'Any peace not built on justice and on the recognition of the rights of the peoples, would be a structure of sand which would crumble under the first blow.'"

Sadat said the goal of bringing security to the peoples of the Middle East, especially the Palestinians, was moving gradually closer.

He described peace as indivisible. "To endure, it should be comprehensive and engulf all the parties in the conflict."

Peace was closely linked to

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Vance meets Sadat to revive
stalled M.E. peace negotiations

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance met Sunday with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in an effort to break the deadlock in Mideast peace talks.

Neither President Sadat nor the secretary has anything to say Sunday night, U.S. spokesman George Sherman said after the 90-minute meeting at the Egyptian leader's Nile side home 15 miles north of Cairo.

The American secretary was scheduled to meet with acting Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali Monday morning before a second round of talks with Sadat and his top aides.

An open-ended shuttle mission — after attending the funeral of former Israeli Prime Minister Gold Meir Tuesday morning — seemed on the horizon to break the deadlock in the Mideast talks.

There was speculation that Vance would try to persuade Sadat to send a top-level official to Israel in a move to revive direct talks.

A senior U.S. official said Vance faced "tough sledding" in trying to gain a settlement by next Sunday, the end of the three month negotiating period set in the Camp David agreement.

Looking for new approaches, he had breakfast in London with Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Byrd was returning from a trip to Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iran.

Vance met separately afterward with Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R.N.Y., who had talks with Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his own

trip to the Middle East. Ambassador Alfred L. Atherton Jr., the top ranked Middle East specialist at the State Department, did not accompany Vance. Atherton flew home with word of the death of his mother, Mrs. Joan Atherton, 88, of Miami, Fla.

In a statement upon his arrival in Cairo, Vance said he is "particularly looking forward to talks with President Anwar Sadat at which he will discuss peace negotiations."

"Our common goal is a comprehensive peace and the early conclusion of the discussions between Egypt and Israel as an important step on the road toward a comprehensive and lasting peace," he said.

Vance took a helicopter ride to the presidential retreat and was met by Sadat, who told him about his recent tour of Nile communities in Upper Egypt.

"We want democracy," Sadat

was heard telling Vance, who told Sadat that President Carter was "in good health. He lost some weight."

Then the two men went into talks, Sadat taking with him his Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, Vice President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil and Acting Foreign Minister Butros B. Ghali.

President Carter and Vance are trying to hold Egypt and Israel to next Sunday as the deadline for wrapping up the treaty. On that day, Dec. 17, the three months allotted for negotiations in the Camp David agreement will expire.

As a last resort, Vance is prepared to approve an extension — and to mount a diplomatic shuttle between Cairo and Tel Aviv to nail the pact down. But failing to meet the target date could set a bad precedent, U.S. officials said.

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Staff shortage is main obstacle to health system, minister says

By A-Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — Within five to six years Saudi Arabia will be providing health care equivalent to that in Europe and the United States, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi was quoted as saying Sunday.

In an interview with "Asbatq Al-Awsat" newspaper in London, the minister said that health care in Saudi Arabia needed "time and manpower, of which the country is critically short."

But he said Saudi Arabia had made a considerable progress already. "Certainly, by the end of the Third Five-Year Plan in 1983, we will have reached our target for hospital beds and should have eliminated communicable diseases."

Fund commits SR100m for Yemen scheme

RIYADH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) will grant North Yemen a long-term loan of SR100 million to help finance a water supply and drainage project of Taiz, twin capital of the country.

The loan agreement was signed Sunday by the chairman of Yemen's General Organization for Water Supply and Drainage, Yahya Al-Arshi and Dr. Khalid Abdulrahman Al-Masoud for the fund.

The project will increase drinking water supplies and construct a complete new drainage network.

Arshi said the loan brought Saudi assistance for the execution of Yemen's five year plan to a total of SR304 million.

The Taiz project will cost SR290 million of which the United States International Development Aid Agency will contribute SR35 million and the Abu Dhabi Arab Economic Development Fund SR36 million.



IN LONDON: Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi

mainly because of the lack of doctors and because the majority of them are unwilling to work outside the cities.

At present eight per cent of the ministry's doctors are Saudis, but this percentage is expected to improve with the graduation of Saudis from the three medical colleges in the Kingdom and the several institutes for nurses.

"There are 67 hospitals in the Kingdom, the minister said, but a number of these need alterations to ministry specifications and many need new equipment. The Kingdom is still well short of its target of a clinic for every 300 persons, "but we are well on our way. We have opened a number of hospitals, including the King Faisal Specialist Hospital with a special heart unit which carries out an average of seven operations a great outcome a week," he said.

The ministry has also launched programs to combat malaria and filariasis, and Jazairi said he expected the diseases to be under control within four years.

Bright The minister repeated that the government was committed to providing health care as a right to Saudis and non-Saudi residents alike. The number of patients sent to London and elsewhere at government expense has dropped, he said, as the facilities have improved

within the kingdom.

New Jeddah hospital JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz will open the Dr. Sulaiman Faqih Hospital here next Sunday "Al-Medina" newspaper reported Sunday.

The hospital on Palestine road has taken over two years in construction and has been praised for its planning and sophisticated equipment.

The University of Ain Shams of Cairo has recognized it as a university hospital since a number of university professors of medical science will work at the new hospital. Doctors working at the Faqih hospital will carry out medical research and present their findings for doctoral examinations.

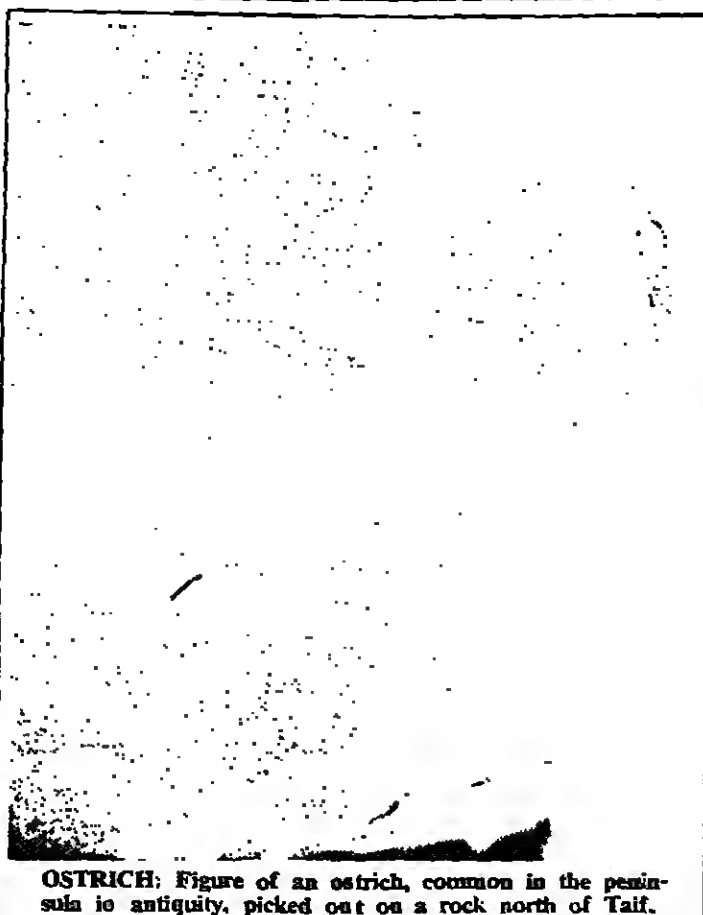
Meanwhile, the radiology center at the new Maternity and Children's Hospital in Jeddah has begun receiving patients from government and private hospitals and will soon receive patients from Gulf countries. "Al-Bilad" reported Sunday.

The center is equipped for color X-rays and tissue analysis and has facilities for precise examination of the intestines and digestive system. The new instruments will be capable of diagnosing the digestive system. The center was set up on the initiative of King Faisal, who was impressed with a similar unit during a visit to the main hospital in Tokyo six years ago.

Jeddah drivers show patience

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — In a rare demonstration of respect for traffic light signals, 320 cars waited for 30 minutes before a faulty red light signal to Jeddah.

"Okeaz" said Sunday that the bewildered policeman manning the intersection at Prince Fahd Street discovered the long line of cars and the unusual waiting-time Saturday and finally decided to halt traffic to let the cars go.



OSTRICH: Figure of an ostrich, common in the peninsula is antiquity, picked out on a rock north of Taif.

Iran oil company aide holds talks in Riyadh

RIYADH, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — A senior official of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) left for home Sunday after an unannounced visit for talks with Saudi officials.

The Saudi Press Agency reported Sunday that Parvez Mina, vice-president of the company, had talks with officials of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources and Petromin, the state petroleum and minerals company.

On arrival Saturday Mina had talks with Petroleum Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, SPA said.

It gave no details but observers believe the talks concerned Saudi supplies of crude to make up for the fall in Iranian production, crippled by two strikes in rapid succession.

Iranian production was reported Saturday to be running at 2.7 million barrels a day under half the average output of nearly 6 million b/d

before the strikes. Oil industry sources said at the beginning of the month that Saudi Arabia had increased production to over 10 million b/d compared to an October average of 8.9 million b/d. The increase consisted in increased findings of Arabian heavy to supply the shortfall in customers' demand for the predominantly heavy Iranian crudes.

Local Briefs

● RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khalid has cabled his congratulations to Tunku Yahya Pura Ith Al-Marhum Suhao Ibrahim, head of state of Malaysia, on his birthday.

● JEDDAH, — An office is to be opened in Umm Al-Joud to supervise the execution of the master plan of King Abdul Aziz University in Mecca. "Al-Medina" newspaper reported Sunday. The project

Municipality says

Face-lift for south Jeddah planned

JEDDAH, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Jeddah Municipality intends to launch a new program to improve the appearance of southern Jeddah, a senior city official said Sunday.

The campaign includes the planting of trees and shrubs, cleaning and spraying operations and rounding up animals straying in the streets.

Hussein Mouninah, director of Jeddah Municipality (South) said that trees are to be planted along Riyadh Street, Mina Road, in areas south of the airport and in front of the Khuzam Palace and the water tower. Lawns and flower beds are also planned, he said.

To improve traffic movement, four multi-storey car parks will be constructed and several streets resurfaced.

Cleaning Asked about cleaning operations, Mouninah said that the municipality had increased the number of street cleaners for southern Jeddah from 1,000 to 1,200 and would issue them with uniforms and automatic sweeping machines. New insecticide-sprayers had also been bought, he said.

At the same time, the municipality intends to increase its efforts to ensure contractors clear their sites on completion of building work. Funds have also been allocated for the compulsory purchase and demolition of building in southern Jeddah for municipal garbage dumps. These will be

walled round and sealed, he said.

Strays

In addition, the livestock market at Kilo One Mecca

Road is to be resurfaced further from the city center and the municipality intends to launch a campaign to clear the streets of stray animals.

Narcotics unit impounded large dope haul at Hajj

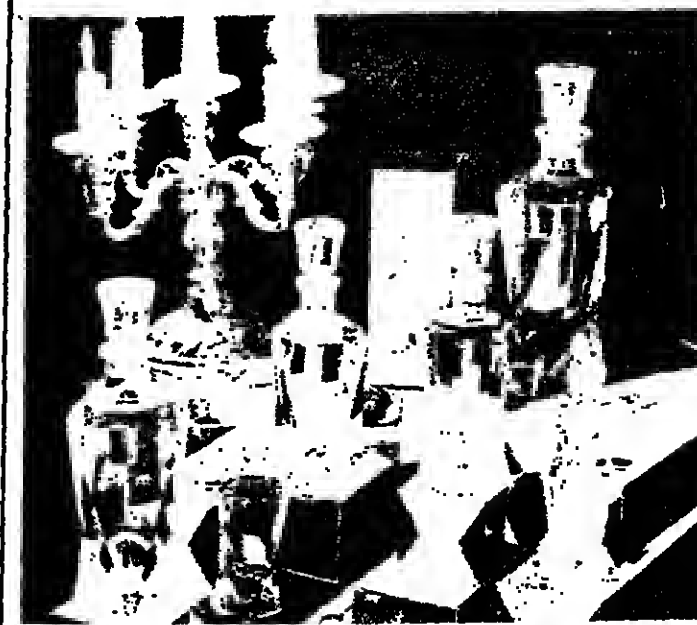
JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — The Narcotics Squad of the Ministry of the Interior impounded quantities of hashish and opium in Mecca and Medina during the pilgrimage. "Al-Riyadh" reported Sunday.

After a tip-off and the discovery of a cache of narcotics in Medina, the squad traced

the traffic to Mecca and finally to Jeddah, where large quantities were found packed in steel cases in a raid on a garage on the night of Nov. 17.

A person, described as a trafficker, was arrested at Jeddah Airport attempting to leave the country, the paper said.

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Kuwaiti, Qatari leaders review ties, Gulf issues

DOHA, Dec. 10 (AP) — Kuwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al Abdullah al Sabah conferred here Sunday with Qatar's Crown Prince and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamed Bin Khalifa al-Thani, the Qatar News Agency reported.

At the end of the session, Crown Prince Hamed told reporters, "we reviewed all problems that concerned our two countries and our Gulf area, and I am happy to say that the talks were fruitful."

Saad, who also is Kuwait's prime minister, is on a tour of Arab Gulf states.

A communique was issued in Bahrain Saturday night as Saad wound up a visit to that island emirate. The communique said the two Gulf states had agreed to establish a ministerial committee to meet every four months to review consolidation of relations between Kuwait and Bahrain.

Both sides expressed the desire to coordinate their economies, customs taxes, trading companies, joint projects, air travel and border regulations to permit entry of citizens of both countries to Bahrain and Kuwait with identity cards only.

The communique said Saad and Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman al-Khalifa reviewed educational, cultural and information cooperation between their countries.

On Arab affairs, Kuwait and Bahrain reiterated their support for an independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization and called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab territory, including the old city of Jerusalem.

Israel, three African states violate human rights--Assad

DAMASCUS, Dec. 10 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad Sunday criticized Israel, South Africa, Rhodesia and Zambia for violating human rights.

In a cable addressed to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, President As-

ad said "human rights were being violated in the racist and fascist regimes in Israel, South Africa, Rhodesia, and Zambia. 'People cannot accept oppression and the result is that explosive and dangerous situations are bound to exist in many parts of the world.'"

The cable marked the 30th anniversary of the world declaration of human rights.

Earlier Saturday the Syrian deputy premier and foreign minister, Abdul-Halim Khaddam, ruled out full cooperation between the European Common Market and Arab states unless the EEC supported the just Arab cause.

Opening the fourth session of the Euro-Arab dialogue, Khaddam said: "No full solidarity is possible unless each of the two groups cooperate in both good and evil and the European community understands and supports the just Arab cause."

He said the EEC nine were in a strong position to demand a total Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East war and the recognition of Palestinian rights.



President Assad

Two Iranians executed in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, Dec. 10 (R) — Two Iranians convicted of murder were shot by firing squad here Sunday in the first public execution since the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was created seven years ago.

The two men were named by the official Emirates News Agency as Abdul Ali Zada and Hamad Muhammad Nasser.

Both were convicted of premeditated murder after pleading guilty, the first to deliberately run over his father-in-law, fellow Iranian Ali Gholam Bashad with a lorry in January and the second to shooting to death an Omani national Murad, Bashir Muhammad Suleiman, it added.

South Yemen's first general elections since independence from Britain 11 years ago will start on Saturday, it was officially announced here Sunday.

The polls will be open for three days when voters will have to choose 111 members of the country's higher people's council.

Officials said there were 175 candidates for election to the council.

Pro-Palestine protest in Oslo

OSLO, Dec. 10 (R) — A group of anti-Israeli demonstrators, splattered with red paint to simulate blood, chained themselves to the entrance of Akershus Castle where Israeli Premier Menachem Begin was to receive the Nobel peace prize Sunday.

Norwegian police with rifles slung over their shoulders cut the chain and bundled the group of 10 youths into a police van 15 minutes before the military helicopter bringing Begin to the ceremony was due to land 200 yards away.

Several hundred demonstrators gathered within sight of the castle by the time the prizes were presented inside.

Waving Palestinian flags, they chanted "Begin - Terrorist."

The group of youths wore Arab headscarves and military style clothing. As they chained themselves to railings at the approach to the castle they drew off coats revealing faces and hands smeared with red paint.

The group, some of them girls, raised their hands in a two-fingered victory salute as police rapidly closed in and clipped the chains.

As the still-resisting group were being bundled off, other demonstrators in the area released balloons carrying the Palestinian flag.

Police had banned demonstrations around the castle but were permitting an orderly protest march by Palestinian organizations Sunday afternoon in another part of Oslo.

Sunday morning, near the castle, another group unfurled a large banner reading "No Peace without Justice for the Palestinian People."

One of the demonstrators, American-born Norwegian Mark Chapman, said at least three different groups were involved in protests around the castle. "The Nobel Peace Prize is a Mockery," he said.

Earlier Sunday, two Arabs burst through controllers on

the Swedish-Norwegian border and raced toward Oslo but were stopped at the city limits. Busloads of Palestinian Arabs and supporters from Sweden were also reported to be moving towards Oslo from the Swedish border.

Holland, Syria open talks

DAMASCUS, Dec. 10 (AP) — Visiting Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Albert Van der Klaauw opened official talks Sunday with Abdul Halim Khaddam, his Syrian counterpart, Damascus radio reported.

The radio said Khaddam outlined Syria's opposition to the Camp David agreements between Egypt and Israel, describing them as impediments to Middle East peace.

Khaddam, the report said, expressed satisfaction with the development of relations between Syria and the Netherlands and said Van der Klaauw's visit afforded a good opportunity to consolidate those relations.

The Dutch minister, in turn, briefed Khaddam on European Common Market views on the Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question, the radio said.

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Vietnam refugees may find haven

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 10 (AP) — The United States, Malaysia, Thailand and several other countries have worked out a long-term formula for solving the problems posed by Indochinese refugees, senior American and Malaysian officials said Sunday.

The plan is to be discussed at the U.N. Conference on Refugees opening in Geneva

Monday where American and Malaysian officials are confident it will have smooth sailing.

Malaysia is prepared to be a "staging post" for "boat people" streaming out of Indochina.

The half-way house, to be managed by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), would be a camp where refugees picked up along the coast could be accommodated briefly.

For Malaysia to implement such a staging post there must be a guarantee from the Western nations that every refugee who lands would be taken away and no "residual refugees" would remain in Malaysia, the officials said.

The refugees would be taken quickly to a "processing center" somewhere in the Pacific. Guam has been suggested by Malaysia, but because of the high cost of housing the re-

fugees in Guam and its distance from Southeast Asia a closer location may be sought, the officials said.

They added that a Western nation might offer a highly populated island in the Pacific for the purpose. At the processing center, Western nations and others would be given no time limit for interviewing and selecting refugees for permanent settlement, the officials said.

At the Geneva conference Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and other southeast Asian countries which are the "front-line states" where the refugees go first will ask for an increased intake of refugees by the West.

The U.S. delegation announced two weeks ago that America will nearly double its quota to 50,000.

The new increase to 21,500 will be "boat people," most of whom will come from Malaysia, the officials said.



FROM HERE TO THE WEST: These young boys will soon be leaving the refugee camps under a new plan to channel the flow of boat people through Malaysia to Western nations.

Cites Cambodia situation

Bangkok puts military on alert

BANGKOK, Dec. 10 (AP) — Thailand's armed forces were Sunday reported on a state of alert amid concern at developments in neighboring Cambodia's border war with

Vietnam. Vietnam has moved most of its 40,000-man force in Laos to the Laotian-Cambodian border, the "Bangkok Post" reported Sunday.

Vietnam called the story "malicious and untrue." The Thai supreme military commander, Gen. Serm Na Nakohn, was quoted as saying the alert was ordered as a precautionary measure.

He said there was grave concern over military intelligence reports of the worsening situation inside Cambodia.

After several warnings, Vietnamese patrol boats in the area, about 120 kilometers northeast of Hanoi, opened fire in retaliation and drove the Chinese back to their waters, the radio said.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP) — The incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says U.S. aid to other nations faces cutbacks because "the old practice of simply doling out foreign aid on a global pattern has got to end."

Senator Frank Church, the Democrat from Idaho who next month will become the committee's 45th chairman, said that foreign aid will not be exempt from attempts to trim the federal budget.

"I think most of the people correctly or incorrectly have come to believe that the remedy for inflation is an end to deficit financing," Church said. "Foreign aid cannot be exempt," he said. "It will have to be cut back. I have never regarded foreign aid as sacrosanct nor do I believe it has a higher priority than domestic spending."

"So to the extent that we will have to reduce spending overall, I think foreign aid will have to bear its share."

China, Viet report gunboat battles

BANGKOK, Dec. 10 (AP) — Vietnam said Sunday its naval patrol boats had fought a sea engagement with Chinese vessels off the coast of northern Vietnam.

It was believed to be the first reported clash at sea between the two communist neighbors, although Hanoi had previously accused China of violating its territorial waters.

China's official Hsinhua News Agency reported earlier Sunday that two Chinese fishing boats were attacked by Vietnamese vessels in the Gulf of Tonkin Saturday, and that one fisherman was killed.

A voice of Vietnam broadcast, monitored in Bangkok, said five Chinese vessels Saturday morning surrounded a number of Vietnamese fishing boats off Quang Ninh Province and opened fire, causing damage to the small boats.

After several warnings, Vietnamese patrol boats in the area, about 120 kilometers northeast of Hanoi, opened fire in retaliation and drove the Chinese back to their waters, the radio said.

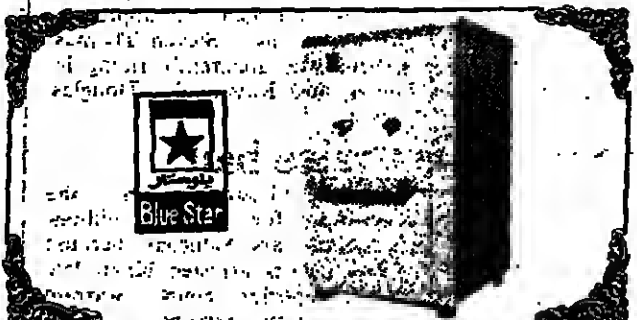
Sen. Church predicts end to 'doling out foreign aid'

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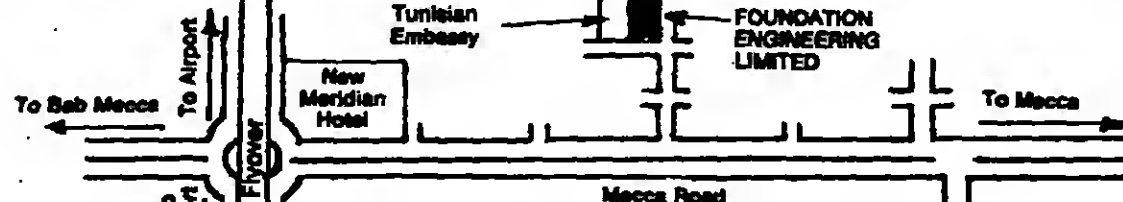
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Results better than hoped from resilient Venus probe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (R) — Information beamed across 30 million miles has exceeded the expectations of American scientists who have successfully completed one phase of an investigation into Venus.

One of the five probes launched on Pioneer Venus continued to send information Saturday for nearly an hour after it crashed into the planet's 470 degree congealed surface, although the probes were not designed to survive the impact.

The brief but important scientific accomplishment by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will give an insight into the hostile environment of a planet considered a near twin to Earth.

For nearly an hour the five probes descended by parachute through the atmosphere of Venus, sending back signals which scientists hope will give them a complete profile of the planet's atmosphere from top to bottom.

"It was just like a trial run" one NASA scientist said. "I

didn't know whether I was seeing the real thing or whether it was just another experiment."

Agency officials said that one of the first items decoded from information beamed back to earth was that the temperature 25 miles above the planet was more than 121 degrees.

Scientists are expected to

spend months, and perhaps years, examining the information.

Meanwhile, Pioneer Venus 1, which went into orbit last Monday, continued its revolutions of the planet, the brightest in the solar system, and was expected to relay information for another eight months.

Menten connection with Bernhard denied

THE HAGUE, Dec. 10

(R) — Allegations that Prince Bernhard was involved in the release of alleged Nazi war criminal Pieter Menten from prison in 1945 have been dismissed as "idle gossip" by Prime Minister Andreas van Aagt.

The allegations were published in Dutch newspapers this week after the 79-year-old millionaire art collector was freed on a ruling by a Hague court that he could not be

tried again on war crimes charges.

These involve the death of 20 to 30 Poles, mainly Jews, while Menten was working in Poland for the S.S. as an interpreter.

The newspapers said that shortly after the war, Bernhard wrote a letter to justice authorities to try to stop Menten from being prosecuted. Menten served eight months in jail in 1949 for collaboration.

The prime minister said: "I do not intend to open an inquiry into the allegations and have not discussed the matter in my regular meetings with Queen Juliana and the prince."

Both the Dutch news agency ANP and the Amsterdam popular newspaper "De Telegraaf" have quoted Menten as saying he wrote a letter to Bernhard in 1945 from northern Holland's Haarlem Prison asking for help.

He was quoted by "De Telegraaf" as saying that soon after his release in 1945, he had heard that the prince had made efforts on his behalf.

ANP said Menten reported that he was released shortly after writing a letter to the prince and assumed it was a result of Bernhard's influence, adding that he said, "I never wrote a letter of thanks to the prince and did not investigate whether my release was really owing to him."

"De Telegraaf" quoted Menten as saying the prince not replied to his letter "but a couple of weeks later I was free."

Rhodesia guerrillas close school for African deaf

SALISBURY, Dec. 10 (R) —

Black guerrillas have forced a school to close, driving out almost 200 deaf African children from one of Rhodesia's few specialized institutions of its kind, the school said Sunday.

The guerrillas who raided the school 80 km west of Gwelo in the Midlands, on Tuesday night, said the school would operate better in the new black-run-Zimbabwe when it came.

A total of 800 primary and secondary children were apparently at the school when it was entered by three heavily-armed men who identified themselves as members of Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU).

The students included 173 deaf pupils aged between seven

and 14.

"I think there was one other school in the country catering for deaf African children. I'm not sure," said an official. "But this was certainly one of a very few."

According to official figures more than 1,000 African schools throughout Rhodesia have been forced to close in the six years of war, depriving almost 250,000 children of education.

Two of the 10 European teachers at the school — which lies in a martial law zone — told reporters the guerrillas robbed an office safe of several hundred dollars and told staff and children to leave at once.



JOGGING: President Carter was seen jogging along on the White House grounds last week. (Wirephoto)

Soviets to end whaling in 5 years, paper says

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 (AP) — The Soviet Union plans to end its commercial whaling operation within the next five years, the "Los Angeles Times" reports.

The newspaper quoted the chief Soviet delegate to a meeting of the International Whaling Commission in La Jolla, California, as saying the Russians have no specific timetable for stopping various areas of whaling but are "considering the question constantly."

But the delegate, Viacheslav Zemsky said the Russians, who with the Japanese are responsible for the largest share of the whale kill each year, will first eliminate their whaling activity in the North Pacific and then in the Antarctic. Zemsky estimated the Soviet fleet took about 3,000 white and a smaller number of sperm whales this year.

The decision was based first on a "truly conservationist approach," Zemsky said. "And of course, economics plays a part. But sometimes, we make sacrifices for what we see as important long-range goals."

Russian women in search of beauty use boot polish

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (AP) — Faced with a shortage of cosmetics in government stores, Soviet women are turning to black market substitutes made from chalk, furniture lacquer and shoe polish.

A report on cosmetics protesting was carried by the local newspaper "Moskovskaya Pravda," as a follow-up to series of complaints in the press from women who cannot find what they need in stores.

A year ago the women's

London police going armed

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP) — Police operating from precinct stations in London are carrying guns when scouting possible robbery sites, Scotland Yard has revealed, announcing a detective had fatally shot an armed bandit.

The Yard said: "We examine each case on its merits and if there are special circumstances justifying the use of guns, then guns are issued." Until recently the British police were famous for going unarmed.

After two armed robberies by men with shotguns in the last three weeks in the Eltham district of south-east London, detectives based there sought possible future robbery sites. On Saturday an armed detective sergeant and two unarmed detective constables were patrolling Eltham High street in an unmarked police car.

The Yard gave this account of the shooting. A car seen pulling up outside Cater's supermarket as a security van was transferring 10,000 pounds (\$20,000) from the store. Four men with sawn-off shotguns got out of the car and the police moved in.

magazine "Rabotnitsa" said officials had recognized the shortage and were promising to correct it, but according to "Moskovskaya Pravda," the officials have been slower to act than the profiteers.

In a country where not long ago cosmetics were a rarity reserved for the wives of the elite, today ketchuped women at the village pump or girls on Moscow's snow-shoveling crews are often roged and scented as if for an evening on the town.

29 senators said against SALT pact

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP) — A confidential document indicates that opponents are within range of killing a new U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation treaty in the U.S. Senate, the Chicago "Sun-Times" reported Sunday. The paper said that a Carter administration list shows 29 senators solidly against or leaning against a new SALT treaty, now being negotiated.

Carter vows to keep America strong

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Dec. 10 (UPI) — President Carter, answering criticism among his party's ranks and file, says he has "no apology to make at all" for maintaining the military, and would continue to do so as long as he was president. Many delegates to the party's mid-term convention expressed dissatisfaction with his economic policies and his reports he would cut some social programs while increasing the military budget.

S. Africa ready to view Namibia plan

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 10 (AP) — South Africa is still prepared to consider the United Nations proposals for independence in South-West Africa, visiting Senator George McGovern said Saturday after "frank and forceful" talks with South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha.

Kaunda unlikely to lose vote today

LUSAKA, Dec. 10 (AP) — His popularity eroded by a stagnant economy and the overspilling Rhodesian war, President Kenneth Kaunda Monday seeks endorsement from his two million voters. Seeking another five years in office, he is the only candidate. But any protest will be registered in abstentions or spoiled ballots. The 17 members of the House of Assembly will also be chosen.

Mystery sniper kills two in Texas

IRVING, Texas, Dec. 10 (AP) — A sniper firing a rifle from a highway overpass shot and killed two persons Saturday night in separate incidents and then disappeared, police said. Police identified the victims as Steven Thomas Gaulden, 12, of Plano, Texas, who was apparently riding in a car with members of his family, and Raymond Douglas Andrews, 43, of Arlington, Texas.

'Millionaire' can't raise bail

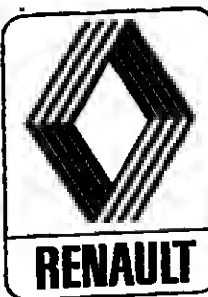
NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP) — F. Masood Khan, the flamboyant Pakistani with a penchant for writing million-dollar checks, found himself behind bars Saturday because he couldn't post \$5,000 bail. FBI agents arrested Khan late Friday on a District of Columbia superior court warrant charging him with making threats against persons.

Ethiopian leader in Poland for talks

WARSAW, Dec. 10 (UPI) — Ethiopian leader Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam arrived Sunday from Yugoslavia on an official visit including talks with Poland's Communist leaders, the Polish news agency PAP reported. Mengistu is on an East European tour aimed at prompting ties with Communist countries.

Blaze kills 8 Japanese race horses

MAEBASHI, Japan, Dec. 10 (R) — Eight race horses, valued at about \$280,000 were burned to death in a fire which gutted a stable late Saturday night, police said Sunday. They were among 600 race horses kept in 30 stables.



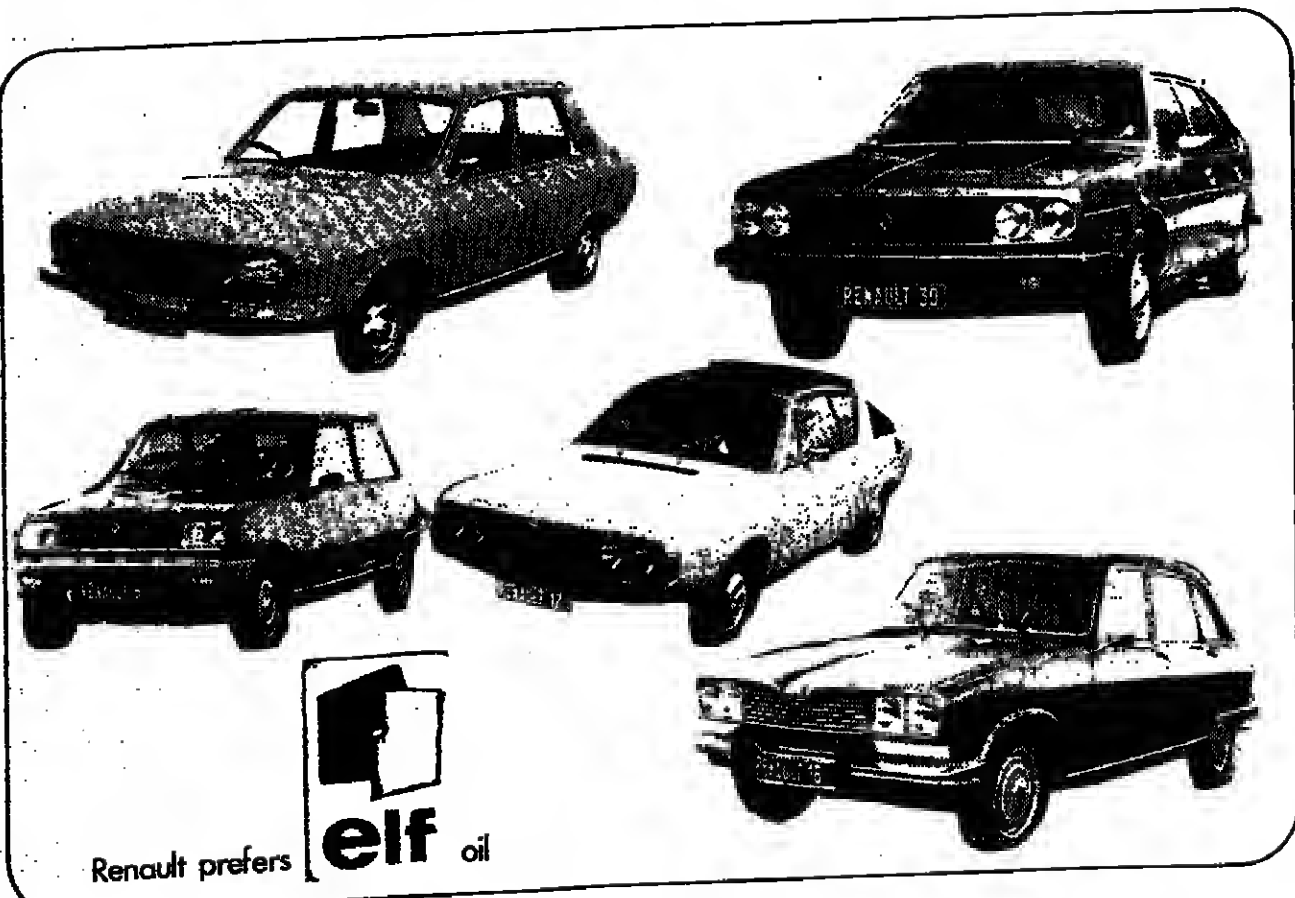
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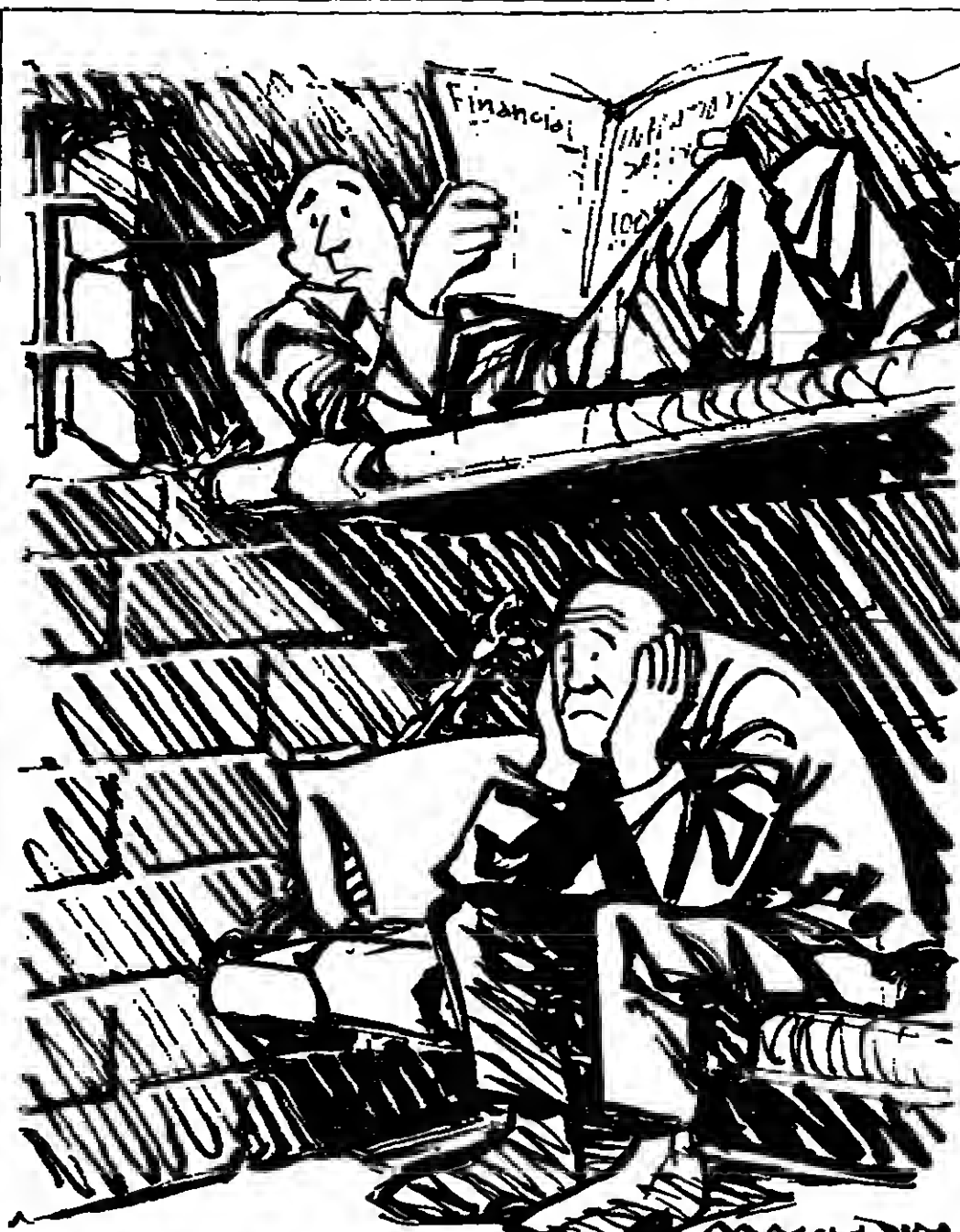
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"Ten more years and our bank loot won't be worth digging up."

The boat people

By Brian Eads

BANGKOK —

While Malaysia was beefing up its coastal defenses against unwanted Vietnamese refugees with 10 more naval fast patrol boats, a Thai spotter plane scoured the Gulf of Thailand for the 57-foot boat ET-702, with the object of inviting it to land.

Earlier, when the 363 Vietnamese sought refuge at a Thai port they were refused asylum, given food and water, and towed out into international waters.

By the time the spotter located them, and a Thai naval patrol boat threw them a line, the ed the aboutturn. They'd heard Vietnamese had already fathomed the BBC's World Service that West Germany was offering them homes. In a few days they'd be on their way.

Their position highlights the acrimonious debate surrounding the massive seaborne exodus from Vietnam. Why, or even how, they are leaving, is not really at issue. This, to a great extent, is known.

Life in socialist Vietnam is harsh, and promises to become harsher still. The quickening pace of "socialist" transformation and collectivization is thwarting entrepreneurs. A sequence of droughts and floods means severe shortages and food rationing. The young face the prospect of compulsory military service, and possible death or mutilation on the Cambodian border. The skilled and educated of the former Saigon regime are finding rehabilitation a dauntingly slow process.

What's on offer for most is a life of ill-rewarded pioneer farming in the "new economic zones." Mistakenly or not, South Vietnamese in increasing numbers are preferring the uncertainties of the South China Sea.

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Thailand, meanwhile, is still to rid itself of some 40,000 Vietnamese refugees dating from the first Indo-China war. Since they don't want to go, and Vietnam offers no encouragement, the prospects of success are slim.

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But the response is ad hoc, the process of vetting, acceptance and movement is labored and time-consuming. More than 20,000 boat people landed in Malaysia last month — more than were resettled over the previous three years.

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These countries, and their neighbors like Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines, argue that they cannot offer permanent homes, and even the long "temporary" accommodation of refugees is costly, disruptive and unacceptable.

They are developing countries, diligently fighting population blooms, suffering heavy unemployment, and growing landlessness among the rural peasantry. Refugees push up prices. Often conditions in camps are better than in surrounding villages and natives grow resentful.

There is the fear of infiltrators and "fifth columnists" among the refugees, and the belief that the presence of large numbers of Indo-Chinese, hostile to their governments, will further frustrate efforts to mend fences with the Communist regimes.

Malaysia's apprehension climbed when it became clear that three-quarters of the recent boat people were ethnic Chinese, whose discomfort in Vietnam increased with the Peking-Hanoi split last May. Relations between Malaysia's small Malay majority and large Chinese minority are already on a knife edge.

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Economic retrenchment

By Robert Rowen

WASHINGTON —

Inflation and the 1978 collapse of the dollar have turned the Carter administration's priorities upside down. Social programs are being pushed aside, and the new game plan is to allow no real growth in next year's federal budget.

In fact, one can almost write the text now of President Carter's January state of the union address. He will claim first of all, that many of the goals spelled out in the 1976 campaign have been met.

In the past two years, Carter will say, he restored faith in public institutions, especially the presidency. He will go on to assert that a degree of efficiency has been brought to government, that oppressive federal regulation has begun to be cut back, and that the economy was yanked out of a period of stagnation.

But he will warn the American people that the time has come to retrench, given the unexpectedly high and persistent level of domestic inflation. He will risk the wrath of his liberal constituency, arguing that if inflation isn't controlled, the nation will not be able to afford expanded social programs.

This new party line has been laid out by White House assistants Hamilton Jordan and

Stuart Eizenstat. A carefully drafted Eizenstat speech, along with answers to questions put to him at the National Press Club recently, was especially revealing, but received little attention.

"If we are to build on the record of the New Deal and the Great Society," Eizenstat said, "and if we are to continue to have a constituency for social programs in this country, we are going to have to convince the American people that those social programs are going to be administered in a fair and efficient way, with a minimum of red tape and an absence of fraud and abuse."

That is a long bow in the direction of California's tax-limit referendum called Proposition 13. It is a tacit admission that the New Deal-Great Society programs may not always have been administered wisely. It means that big new programs, like health insurance, are unlikely to get more than token monies in the next few years' budgets.

For example, Sen. Pat Moynihan Democrat of New York revealed after a conversation with Eizenstat that Carter's earlier-planned \$20 billion welfare reform package would be trimmed to \$6 billion in the fiscal 1980 budget.

The 1980 budget "will dis-

appoint those who think only of next year, not the next decade," Carter told the National League of Cities in St. Louis. "And it will disappoint those who expect constantly expanding federal aid — and a constantly expanding number of new programs and agencies."

Carter has also made clear to his aides that if fighting inflation means "toughing out" a recession, he's prepared to do it.

One implication is a readiness to accept a lower growth pattern for the nation over a period of years. Officials who once would not have been content with less than an average of five-plus percent real growth appear to be ready to settle for three or three-plus over the long haul.

"We have to do first things first, and that means we have to get inflation behind us," Eizenstat told a Press Club questioner who observed that the next Jimmy Carter budget will bear little resemblance to the priorities the president used to stress.

The real challenge, the young and influential presidential aide said, is to "pick out the programs that are working and which can work, and fund them at reasonable levels, and ferret out those programs that don't work and don't make increases." — (WFP)

Alternatives to oil

(This is the last in a series of articles on the expected rise of oil prices at next week's OPEC meeting and its effect on the world's economy.)

By Lloyd Timberlake

LONDON —

The only thing known for certain about the world's oil supplies is that they are running out.

How a nation or individual bets on oil's successor as the planet's work-horse depends as much on political, philosophical, economic, ecological and military considerations as on technological problems.

Nuclear power is the choice of the industrial countries, but, 30 years after the atom promise of unlimited energy, this source is still as notable for its problems and uncertainties as its potential.

More than 90 per cent of the reactors in use are the American light-water variety, which uses more uranium than any other type. Their risk factors are the subject of intense debate, and along with electricity they produce weapons material and poisonous waste.

A great deal of geological research remains to be done before this toxic waste can be safely disposed of beneath the land or the seas.

The nuclear industry itself is depressed because energy demands in the West have not risen over the past few years as rapidly as had been predicted. This has not only diminished orders for nuclear reactors, but created a climate in which governments are more willing to listen to environmental lobbyists.

The year before the 1973 oil crisis, nuclear power represented 35 million tons of oil equivalent. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) predicted this would rise to 756 million tons in 1985. Now it looks as if the 1985 figure will be only

slightly more than half that.

Most Western planners look past conventional nuclear plants to "fast breeders." Most of such reactors burn plutonium and produce more fuel than they consume.

Yet both President Jimmy Carter and the environmental movement hold that plutonium, both highly poisonous and an excellent weapons ingredient, is too dangerous a product upon which to base the world's economy.

Experts are examining ways of making breeder fuel cycles safer to the general public while at the same time making the fuels more difficult for terrorists to divert or governments to turn into bombs.

Fusion, the power of both the hydrogen bomb and the sun, remains the pot of gold at the end of the nuclear rainbow. Recent experimental successes in the United States have left fusion scientists talking of a working reactor by the turn of the century.

The United States, the European Common Market, Japan and the Soviet Union are all building a "next generation" fusion device and some of these are expected to pass the "break-even point" where they produce more energy than they consume.

Fusion, as it is now understood, produces no radioactive waste and its fuel can be obtained from sea water. Yet the first reactors will be massive and far beyond the reach of any but the richest nations for decades.

A fusion technology may lead to very highly centralized energy systems, vulnerable in times of war or labor unrest. These considerations, and the uncertainty over the feasibility of controlled fusion, cause some energy thinkers to look to the "renewable" energy sources — sun, wind and wave power — which would lead to energy supply systems much less centralized than the present fossil fuel technologies.

These sources, which in most forms are labor intensive, decentralized and appear kinder to the environment, are often based more on a philosophy of life than a proven technology.

Of these, solar power is the definite leader. It is most used now as a source of low-level heat in Europe and North America rather than a source of electricity.

The Third World, much of which lies in sunny climes seems to be going through a transition directly from firewood to sunlight as its major energy source. For these nations, solar power also offers the advantages of being labor intensive and requiring relatively simple technology.

Photovoltaic cells, which turn sunlight directly into electricity, provide kilowatts costing about 10 times as much as kilowatts from fossil fuel plants.

But prices have been falling steadily and rapidly. The U.S. Department of Energy once predicted that it would not be until 1986, and more likely 2000, before photovoltaic cells could compete with oil power.

Yet Stanford Ovshinsky, president of the U.S. firm Energy Conversion Devices, recently forecast that developments in amorphous silicon technology would bring the date forward by several years.

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is studying another solar energy technology: using large space stations to collect the sun's energy before it is filtered through the earth's atmosphere, and beaming the product down to earth in the form of microwaves.

If a serious oil crunch comes while all these promising sources are still only promising, most experts expect coal to fill the gap. — (R)

CRUCIAL TEST

On Sunday, the news from Iran quoted Western diplomats speaking of "panic" and "hysteria" on the eve of massive anti-Shah demonstrations in Tehran. Now it would appear that these reports were exaggerated, and that the government of Iran has passed a crucial test.

Two factors had been at work in the cases of Tehran Sunday—militarism and Shiite demonstrations political grievances on a religious basis and soldiers' march to function in a military role. A third factor was that was impelled to return to the military in a bid to restore stability. Neither belongs in the spotlight of politics.

Should the price of Sunday bids in Iran (and that is still far from certain) and one of these forces should consider their proper place in a society too busy in need of their help.

Gen. Shapour Bakhtiari, the former prime minister, made a similar statement, advising the opponents of the Shah last week when he said the country's non-Islamic laws would be "revised" to conform with Islamic principles and that the Ayatollahs would be consulted in the process.

Consultation by the proper role for Iran's religious leadership, and a reform of non-Islamic laws should provide it with a great deal of work for the good of the country. In light of what has happened in Iran in the last months, it is unthinkable that the Shah would choose to ignore their views. They have proved their point. It is time now for them to turn their energies and their followers to helping rebuild Iran with the moral standards taught in the Koran.

The pace of modernization set in Iran over the last five years did much to disrupt the country's moral standards. The corruption and bribery even now, under investigation contributed mightily to the disillusionment propelling opponents of the Shah. But it is now clear that the Shah is anxious to make amends; not simply for the sake of his own tenure on the throne, but for the sake of Iran.

In its turn, the military under Gen. Ashraf's leadership should have a clear vision of its true function in Iranian society. Armies and politics do not mix well. An army's role as guardian of a society against threats from abroad, and insurrection from within, is well to hand.

There is still plenty of danger that against Iran. Communist infiltration in Iran from foreign interlopers, is a proper target for the military to root out. It will not disappear rapidly, even if the majority of the people who demonstrated Sunday were apparently able to keep the agitators from inciting a bloody battle with the police. Iran, at its weakest moment in decades, needs the military to act with vigilance against the subversion of its northern neighbor, the Soviet Union.

As for Ayatollah Khomeini, he should now withdraw his call for a general strike and allow the recent changes in Iran to take effect. These changes have been remarkably swift, even radical, and Khomeini would do well to reflect on how far his oppositionists have come in the 15 years since he was cast out of the country. His political allies are free and able to work with Gen. Bakhtiari's government to implement an orderly transition of Iran's energies. Should he continue his campaign of anti-state, the blame for Iran's defeat will not rest with the Shah, but with the white-headed Ayatollah.

UNIFIL and Israel

By MAQUODDIA J. J. J.

Yemen Arab Republic military forces have been involved in Israel this year, as United Nations was dispatched to return the area to the sovereignty of Lebanon.

The U.N. has so far been unable to arrange an \$80-million loan for the army, although about \$100 million has been allocated to the army's equipment.

Daily guards from the army, consisting of 250 commandos, are stationed at UNIFIL (United Nations Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon) positions, besides the standard UNIFIL military intelligence — around the Security Council mandate.

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Such a unit, while mindful of the neutrality he is pledged to maintain, has no qualms at pointing the finger at Israel: "It would be categorically that the U.N. forces (rightist) are mostly under the influence of the Israeli defense forces."

A Security Council call last week for Israel to stop impeding the mission of UNIFIL was largely based on Erskine's report.

The Israeli government does not contest its support of the military, arguing that the U.N. force has proven incapable of keeping Palestinian commandos away from its border.

The U.N. commando consists of 250 commandos have been stationed in the south, below the Israeli River, setting up camps in the mountainous corner of the country. They are a far cry from the 250 commandos who were stationed in the south when the Israeli invasion.

Lebanese leader Yasser Arafat has pledged to cooperate with UNIFIL, and U.N. officials say he is largely keeping his word. — (AP)

"Al-Medina" said that the new Saudi National Center for Science and Technology is the first step in the development of scientific research in the country and a nucleus for the study of modern technology "which we seek for our country."

The center opened in Riyadh, and it is directed by a prominent Saudi scientist Dr. Reza Obaid. The paper quoted his opening statement in which he said that "we are in need now, more than at any other time, of our friends to help us build the modern Saudi state that provides not only productive capacity but a higher standard of living."

The paper said that the country is in dire need of such a center which is a government institution as well as a statutory body that is run by some of the finest men in the country.

"We believe that this council is a great step forward for us," the paper said.

"Okaz" hailed the Security Council's condemnation of Israeli policy in southern Lebanon and its policy of obstructing the work of the United Nations peace force. The paper said that the Lebanese delegate to the U.N. declared that

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Israel had established a client state in the South "which aims at making it possible for Israel to carry out its expansionist policy in Lebanon."

"Other Israeli aims include preventing the regular Lebanese forces from establishing an effective presence representing the government of Lebanon on Lebanese territory, and subverting efforts to reconcile the various factions in the country."

"The paper called on the world body to counter what it called the 'Israeli cancer' in the area by following up its resolutions with action to lend them credibility."

The paper said that Israel is a "racist, expansionist entity which has set its sights on a program of colonialism and hegemony in the region and will not be thwarted from doing so except by international action and effective sanctions including eviction from the United Nations."

Commenting on the shooting incident in which the Saudi ambassador to Lebanon was injured, "Al-Bilad" launched a tirade against "those who sell fish in muddy waters."

It said that parties responsible for starting the civil war

in the country "still seem to be intent on preventing a peaceful settlement and are seeking to abort Arab efforts to save the country from a large scale conflagration."

"The way to counter these subversive attempts lies in supporting and rallying around the constitutional power in the state because it is the power that can restore healthy life to Lebanon."

"Al-Riyadh" said "the United Nations has been observing a Human Right's Day for over 30 years, but during this period human rights have been violated, lands occupied by force and millions rendered homeless."

The paper singled out the plight of the Palestinian people caused by the Zionists.

"During this period, Palestinians have been killed, put behind bars for political reasons uprooted from their homeland and totally disoriented as the legitimate owners of the land. All this time, the United Nations was powerless to undo even part of the injustice done to our people while the Zionists continue their depredations. Now we are called upon to observe human rights day."

"How can we?" the paper asked.

Remote and mysterious Zafar Dhibin

By Anne Chadwick

SANAA—Remote, mysterious and spectacularly beautiful, the fortress-village of Zafar Dhibin rests with the lure of history high in the mountains of North Yemen. Parts of it date back eight centuries, while other parts have disappeared in the warfare of the 1960s.

Zafar Dhibin lies about two and a half hours' drive north-east of Sanaa. One follows the Saadah road to Raydah before turning northeast off the track into the Qa Hays for a rough, basalt ride of about 27 kilometers. Dhibin lies on the left, at kilo 25, tucked in a valley between Jabal Goonah and Jabal Zarwah. Then, just ahead to the left, a minaret can be seen rising out of the mountain. This is Zafar Dhibin. From here, it is better first to ask directions to the village of Hadira, a little village at the foot of the mountain. From Hadira, it is a steep climb on foot of about 45 minutes to the main mosque.



The courtyard arches of one of Zafar Dhibin's mosques

que. It rests just over 320 meters above the wadi.

These mountains are weathered, craggy limestone. In some ancient geological age, molten lava spewed forth in places, and you can follow these black tongues of solid rock cascading from the stark, white mountains. The wadi bed became a river of lava.

Today, the fertile volcanic soil proves an excellent medium for viticulture. In the summer months, behind rough black basalt walls, you can see a profusion of healthy-looking vines, and taste the sweet grapes.

This is the top of Wadi Jawf, and if one continued east, the path would lead to the villages of Baraqish, Beida and Khirbet Saoud. Above, however, is an excellent mosque dating from the 12th century.

Sadly, the whole complex of Zafar Dhibin was badly bombed during the civil war, and most of the villagers never returned to their former houses. It is a visit to a ghost town, whispering of forgotten riches, bygone days.

The only two men that I could find who still live up there with their families could give me little information about Zafar Dhibin. The main mosque is the burial place of Imam al-Mansour and his sons, who they said lived a long, long time ago. In Sanaa I gathered that he was a 12th-13th century Imam who had imported foreign workmen from Baghdad and Persia to decorate the mosques in his mountain stronghold.

As you come up to Zafar Dhibin from Hadira, the first thing you see is the main mosque with its burnt-brick minaret. It is built around a courtyard, which has a somewhat dilapidated air. All along the east and west sides the original columns have collapsed and been repaired by rough stone walling. You can see the original tri-lobate arches on the facade of the main prayer room. Much of their design work has been masked by lime plaster, but it is still easy to imagine their former splendor. Once inside the main part,

one is immediately struck by the beauty of the wooden painted ceilings, even though the floor is covered in debris and much of the ceiling has crashed onto it. Brown rivulets must cascade down the walls when it rains. Despite the gaping holes in the ceiling, exposing the woodwork to the elements, much of the paintwork is still as fresh looking as if it had been done yesterday. The Mihrab has an elegant, intricate plasterwork design. There are numerous inscriptions round the walls, including some in Kufic.

The remains of Imam Mansour and his sons are housed in separate domed shrines, each decorated with intricate plasterwork, too.

This is by no means the extent of the site. Immediately above the mosque is a walled citadel. If you were to skirt round it on the east side and head northwards, you suddenly come across what looks to be a fairy castle ahead, perched high up on a rock. Before you reach the rather precipitous path up to it, you descend into a narrow col between the two higher rocky outcrops. Here there is a complex system of tanks, now no longer used, displaying a former high standard of water conservation and hydraulic knowledge. The feeder channels, which would have relied entirely on run-off in the rainy seasons, can be traced right round to the mountain to the west of the northern most citadel.

The northern citadel was the Imam's real stronghold, his final resort in times of trouble and siege. Its virtual impregnability emphasizes those troubled centuries of the Zaydi Imamate. Dynasties appeared and disappeared with equal rapidity, just as the centers changed. Anyone who has studied Yemeni medieval history will tell you of the complexities of such research. To most it is a nightmare—the best approach is to accept the fact that there were many Imams and many centers. There was no constant capital city or border like those that we know in the 20th century.

The tank system had a fortification wall, and in the vulnerable western feed channel you can still see the stone frame of a small door. On all the surrounding mountains you can see small defensive watch towers. Do not interpret these as signs of a paranoid Imam; they would have been quite necessary.

A French team of archeologists, directed by Dr. Christian Robin, has just completed an extensive program of research on the site. All the Islamic inscriptions have been photographed and recorded; all the elevations of the buildings have been drawn, likewise their plans. The tank system has been closely studied and drawn by the topographer. Now we await their results with impatience and interest.

Despite the disrepair of the main mosque, it is still functional and it was to camp up in Zafar Dhibin for the night, as we did, you will be awakened at about 3:30 a.m. by the familiar call to prayer. In the daytime the Muazzin



The northern citadel of Zafar Dhibin



Interior of Imam Al-Mansour's mosque



Minaret at the tomb of Imam Al-Mansour

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Tax fraud in Italy

MILAN — The Italian Minister of Finance, Signor Franco Malfatti, is being bombarded with telegrams by overworked tax officials.

They complain they are inundated with demands for repayment of Value Added Tax and they suspect that quite a few of the claims are fraudulent.

One telegram says the Italian Internal Revenue Service is "like a besieged city on the point of being sacked."

Coming on top of charges that millions of Italians liable to VAT are not paying it in the first place, the situation suggests that a people who habitually make a diverting game out of cheating the tax man have found an engaging new way to have a little fun.

The tax collectors are at a great disadvantage. There are simply not enough of them to handle routine business, let alone check on contributors or investigate fraud.

The minister himself can be under no illusions as to what this form of tax evasion is costing the state. A recent official report claimed that at least four million Italians are dodging taxes to the tune of \$24 billion. — (OFNS)

Keypad timetable

By Andrew Wilson

LONDON — An airline executive has come up with an idea that could make printed air timetables a thing of the past. Instead, travellers will get all the information they need at the touch of a button.

After years of working in the travel trade (with the French airline UTA) Maurice Minzly has founded a company in London with a license to transmit travel information on the U.K. Post Office's Prestel videodata system.

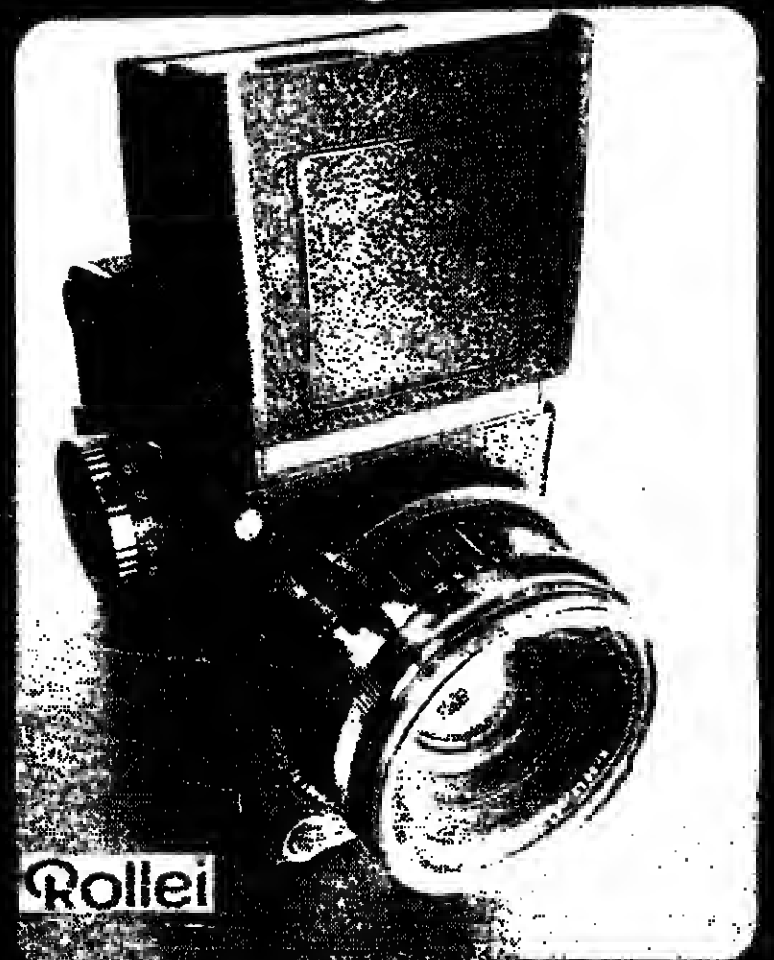
Due to start operation in the New Year, Prestel uses a modified television set, a telephone line and a simple keypad to give users instant access to a huge store of information in a central computer.

Minzly is already supplying advice on how to get there fast to the 1,000 or so participants in a trial system that has been operating for six months in London and two provincial centers. — (OFNS)

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TOYOTA HI-LUX

N. Korean breaks 1st record

China dominates games with 8 golds

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 10 (AP) — North Koreans broke one Asian games weightlifting record and tied another Sunday as they broke a temporary mainland Chinese monopoly on gold medals on the games' second day.

The Chinese had won the first six medals of the games and then won two more in gymnastics after North Korean Han Kyungil, world record holder for the snatch, lifted a total of 235 kilograms in the 52-kilogram class. He broke the mark of 232.5 set by Iran's M. Nassiri in the 1974 Tehran Games.

Han snatched 105 kilograms and tried to break his own world mark of 109.5 but failed three times trying to lift 110 kilograms. He jerked 130 kilograms.

Then in the 56-kilogram class, teammate Yang Eui-yung lifted 250 kilograms, tying the mark set in Tehran in 1974 by Japan's Kenkichi Ando.

The Chinese, who had won the games' first two golds in men's gymnastics Sunday night, quickly picked up four more in shooting Sunday.

Su Chih-po, defending champion from the 1974 Asian Games, scored 560 of a possible 600 in free pistol competition, and led the Chinese to a team victory with a 2182 total to 2132 for Thailand and 2123

for Japan.

Chinese woman shooter Pang Li-chin won the 10-meter air rifle competition with 383 of a possible 400 and in the team gold medal competition, China had 1514 to 1494 for North Korea.

China frustrates Kingdom with speed, tight defense

BANGKOK, Dec. 10 (UPI) — China scored in the opening minutes to edge a frustrated Saudi team, 1-0, in the qualifying round of soccer action at the Asian Games Sunday night while favored Iraq posted a late winner to beat Qatar, 2-1, and Malaysia upset India, 1-0.

Chinese defender Chih Shan-pin capped an intricate four-player passing move in the seventh minute with a thundering right-footed shot from the edge of the penalty area that left Saudi goalie Salim Marwan helpless.

The Saudis, who were favored with Iraq to advance from Group B and were considered dark horses for the gold medal, never took control in the first half.

China's lack of international experience has made it an unknown quantity in the games, but it unleashed a fast but deliberate offense and a swarming tight defense. The young Saudi team tried desperately for the equalizer using the long through ball favored by European teams but the tight-marking Chinese kept it at bay.

Sweeping back into the attack the Chinese repeatedly worked the ball into the penalty box, forcing Marwan to make three brilliant diving saves at the feet of oncoming forwards to prevent certain goals.

Forward Ahmad Al-Saghir led the Saudi attack, just missing with several blistering shots—the last coming just minutes before the final whistle.

In what was an unlucky day for the Kingdom, the Saudi table tennis team lost 5-0 to Indonesia and the basketballers, who launched the Games with a victory, lost to South Korea, 101-70.

Back in the gymnastics hall, the Chinese, who won eight of 14 gymnastics golds in the 1974 Games, were maintaining their domination in women's events after blitzing Japan's men the previous night.

The Chinese won the women's team gold with 191.55 points to 186.70 for North Korea and 185.60 for Japan, hampered by a left knee injury to star Nobuko Kasai.

China's Hu Hsiu-min won the all-around individual gold with 38.35 points.

In the weightlifting, North Korea's Im Jung-gwan was second in the 52-kilogram class with 227.5 and South Korean Lee Myoung-so was second in the 56-kilogram class with 235.

China's Chen Wei-chiang, a strong contender for the 56-kilogram gold, won the honorary prize for the snatch with a lift of 107.5 — better than winner Yang's 105—but failed to do the jerk because of a knee injury.

After competition in the two classes, T. Kudo of Japan, president of the medical committee of the Asian weightlifting competition, complained to officials about their letting competitors leave without undergoing doping tests.

Men's basketball action was mostly one-sided, with the Philippines and Japan scoring their second victories against no defeats in preliminary round play and South Korea, 1974 runner-up, starting sluggishly before overcoming a 42-39 half-time deficit and beating Saudi Arabia 101-70.

The Philippines beat Bahrain 97-49 and Japan trounced Qatar 149-40. In other games, North Korea beat Malaysia 74-63 and Iraq downed Kuwait 84-55.



DIMMING HOPES: It was sunshine and smiles Friday when Britain's Davis Cup team of (left to right) David Lloyd, Buster Mottram, John Lloyd and Mark Cox went on a training run at Palm Springs but after Saturday's heavy defeat in doubles the team faces a desperate task.

In Davis Cup

U.S. pair shows Britons little mercy

PALM SPRINGS, California, Dec. 10 (R) — Stan Smith and Bob Lutz outclassed Mark Cox and David Lloyd, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3, Saturday to send the United States into a 2-1 lead over Britain in the Davis Cup final.

The British faced the formidable task of having to win both reverse singles matches Sunday to take home the trophy for the first time in 41 years.

Smith, a former Wimbledon champion, and his aggressive partner were in command throughout on a sunny, mild day at the Mission Hills Country Club, bustling to victory in just one hour 14 minutes.

Lloyd rarely troubled the Americans with his serve, while Cox seemed nervous and found the net more often than not with his volleys and ground strokes.

Smith, by contrast, was in supreme command throughout. He surrendered only one point on his serve in the first two sets, and was ably supported by Lutz around the court.

At the net the long-legged Smith always seemed to be in the right place to put away the few shots that the British pair managed to send over.

In the first set, the U.S. pair went 3-2 ahead on four serves from Smith, then Cox was broken to love for the breakthrough and Lloyd failed to hold serve two games later to put the home team one set up after just 19 minutes.

The Americans won 13 out of 14 points in closing out the set, and extended it to 18 out of 19 to go 1-0 up in the next.

Cox held his serve to halt the Americans' streak at five games in a row, only for Smith and

Lutz to take the next four to go 5-1 up.

The British gained their only service break, against Lutz, to stay in the set, but the Americans made short work of Lloyd's service in the next game, taking it to 15, for a two-set lead after a total of 46 minutes.

Lions shock Vikings in NFL

PONTIAC, Michigan, Dec. 10 (AP) — Gary Danielson threw a Detroit record five touchdown passes Saturday, three to Leonard Thompson, as the Lions shocked the Minnesota Vikings, 45-14, in the National Football League.

In Pittsburgh, Terry Bradshaw, passing with precision on a snow-covered field, threw for three touchdowns to lead the Steelers to a 35-13 victory over the Baltimore Colts.

Bogeys clip January lead

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10 (AP) — Don January bogeyed four holes Saturday in the third round of the \$211,000 Mexico Cup golf tournament to hang on barely to a three-stroke lead over scrambling David Graham of Australia.

January shot a one under-par 71 on the 7,238-yard while Graham played a 69.

January tied the course record with 64 Friday to take a 5-stroke lead over Graham, whose 66 had led the opening round. But the lanky Texan ran into trouble on the back nine in the windy weather.

Bob Byman shot a blazing 66 for a 54-hole score of 208 that tied him with Bobby Wainkins eight strokes back of the leader.

Gilmore gives Bulls 5th straight win

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP) — Artis Gilmore scored 28 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, leading the Chicago Bulls to their fifth consecutive National Basketball Association victory, a 101-96 decision over the New York Knicks Saturday night.

Gilmore shot one point less Friday night when, helped by 11 fourth-quarter points from Reggie Theus, the Bulls withstood a late charge from the Portland Trail Blazers for a 100-99 victory.

The Blazers lost again Saturday night, Calvin Murphy scored 16 points in the last quarter to ignite a Houston rally and victory for the Rockets, 116-110. Houston beat New Orleans, 110-106, Friday.

In other action Saturday night, Golden State center Robert Parish and Clifford Ray, playing together in a double post, combined for 15 fourth-quarter points to lead the Warriors to a hard-fought 94-84 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Atlanta were out of luck in Friday's game. Despite a furious rally by the Hawks, Lon



GILMORE: Twenty-eight points Saturday and 27 the night before.

Woman jockey killed in U.K.

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP) — A top woman professional jockey was killed Saturday in what police called a "bizarre riding accident" at Newmarket, the center of English racing.

Police said Joy Gibson, 34, was tiring a yearling being led out from stables to a paddock for exercising. Her horse reared and threw her, trapping her between itself and a wall. The wall collapsed on top of Mrs. Gibson, who suffered severe head injuries. She died some hours later in a hospital at Cambridge.

nie Shekton made big plays at both ends of the court to help the Seattle SuperSonics stay on top, 107-106.

Charlie Scott's crisp passing Saturday forced Milwaukee into an outside shooting game and Dan Issel's 28-point scoring lifted the Denver Nuggets to a 113-103 win over the Bucks in Denver. For the Bucks too, it was a second defeat in two nights, after Friday's 101-85 pasting by Kareem Abdul Jabbar and the Lakers in Los Angeles.

In Kansas City, Otis Birdsong and Bill Robinson combined for 54 points to lead the hot-shooting Kings to a 132-108 win over Detroit Saturday.

Detroit lost 114-107 to the

Indiana Pacers in Friday's game, as rookie Rick Robey and guard Ricky Sobers combined to score 45 points and pull in 26 rebounds.

Bobby Dandridge sank two free throws Saturday with 10 seconds to play to give the Washington Bullets a 101-98 victory over Phoenix.

For Washington, victory made up for Friday's shock 108-100 upset by the New Jersey Nets — paced by John Williamson's season high 40 points.

At the bottom of the Central Division, the Cleveland Cavaliers broke a four-game losing streak Saturday night and helped by Campy Russell with 31 points, defeated the Philadelphia 76ers, 115-107.

Connors defeat in German event said pre-arranged

STUTTGART, West Germany, Dec. 11 (UPI) — Vitas Gerulaitis and Ilie Nastase meet in the final of the Frankfurt Cup Sunday. Nastase defeated Jimmy Connors, 6-1, 6-2, in a 45-minute display of brilliant tennis Saturday.

"All you have to do to beat Connors is play tennis," said the Romanian as he came off the court.

Connors appeared angry on court, spitting on the ground and shouting, but off-court was so relaxed about his defeat that spectators and sports commentators suspected a rigged match, with prize money pre-arranged.

Newspaper sport columnists here have argued that the Frankfurt Cup, a three-day tournament between only eight of the top world players, is played purely for advertising value.

A Frankfurt businessman has given around \$100,000 in prize money.

Sugar Ray unbeaten

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts, Dec. 10 (AP) — Welterweight showman Sugar Ray Leonard kept his pro boxing record unblemished Saturday, stopping veteran Armando Muiz in a long-time championship contender, with a barrage of punches thrown with machine-gun rapidity 10 the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

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Qatar: Oil price increase should compensate losses

BAHRAIN, Dec. 10 (Agencies) — Qatari Oil Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Khalifa Al-Thani was quoted here Sunday as saying the time had come for OPEC to revise oil prices and a price increase must reflect the oil exporters losses due to inflation.

In an interview with the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, the Qatari minister said an oil price increase was inevitable now and its size would be decided at the regular OPEC conference due to start in Abu Dhabi Saturday.

In deciding by what proportion to increase the price of oil, frozen at \$12.70 a barrel for the past two years, OPEC must be "moderate and reasonable," he said.

"The increase must not be higher than or lower than the rates of inflation. It must be commensurate with the losses sustained by the OPEC states," he added.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz, who was expected to leave Doha Monday for Abu Dhabi to attend an Arab oil meeting preceding the OPEC conference, said the U.S. dollar remained the best currency for use in oil pricing.

The Gulf News Agency said in its report from Doha Sheikh Abdul Aziz praised U.S. President Jimmy Carter for taking measures to strengthen the dollar.

He said there was no reason at the moment for OPEC to discuss a switch away from the U.S. currency — as some of the organization's 13 member-states are demanding.

But he said that "if the OPEC states find in the future that the value of the dollar was declining in a way affecting their revenues and causing them substantial national losses, then the only way would be to set up the basket of currencies proposed under the agreement known as Geneva Two."

This was a reference to a four-year old agreement by the OPEC states to price oil in terms of a basket of the currencies of their major industrial trading partners. Oil prices would be adjusted monthly under this formula which was never put into effect. It came up for discussion at the last OPEC conference, held in Geneva last June, when the OPEC ministers argued about



Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Khalifa Al-Thani

the best way of facing a decline in the value of the dollar.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz later told a press conference in Doha his country also supported the idea of a staggered oil price increase for next year.

He was referring to suggestions that an oil price increase for 1979 should not be imposed in one go on Jan. 1 but in gradual instalments throughout the year, probably on a quarterly basis.

He said a gradual increase

would not constitute any threat to the world economy.

Meanwhile a Kuwaiti newspaper said Sunday OPEC will be asked to consider a two-tier increase in oil prices totalling 10 per cent at its upcoming meeting.

The daily "Al-Anbaa" quoted "reliable sources" in Kuwait as saying the proposed formula, which has the support of more than one OPEC state, calls for a five per cent increase on Jan. 1, and another five per cent on July 1.

Economic Briefs

●AMMAN: Libya has agreed to lend the Jordanian Potash Project Company \$10 million to finance construction of a potash plant near the Dead Sea, it was officially announced here Sunday.

●KUWAIT: The Kuwait government Sunday approved \$1.5 million in cash aid to three Palestinian towns in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, it was officially announced here. A government spokesman said the aid, proposed by the Arab Cities Organization, would go to Tulkarim, Halhoul and Yaabud.

●AMMAN: The United States will grant Jordan \$30 million in aid under an agreement signed in Amman Sunday. The money will be used for deve-

lopment projects and to support the national budget.

●AMMAN: Hungary's minister of health Emil Schultheisz has arrived here from Damascus on a three-day visit to Jordan. He told reporters on arrival that his talks with Jordanian officials would be aimed at fostering cooperation in the field of health between the two countries.

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Libya to abolish free trade

BEIRUT, Dec. 10 (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi has announced plans to soon abolish free commerce in his country as part of a drive to build "a new socialist society."

"Trade is an exploitation phenomenon," Qaddafi was quoted by the Libyan news agency JANA. "The merchants' sector is a consumer, not a productive sector. Therefore, the abolition of free trade is imperative," the Libyan leader said.

Libyan merchants should look for "jobs in other productive fields like industry, agriculture or house construction," he said.

"Cooperatives and public supermarkets will be established to replace free trade to do away with exploitation and profiteering," Qaddafi added.

He accused merchants and contractors of amassing "huge profits" following the 1969 overthrow of the monarchy. "But now we are about to assault and destroy all forms of exploitation,"

Qaddafi's remarks were carried Sunday in pro-Libyan Beirut newspaper "As Safir".

Industrial fair

KARACHI, Dec. 10 — Pakistan's third industrial machinery tools fair will open here Monday.

International importers have been invited to the one-month fair.

Soviet farmers achieve record grain harvest

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (AP) — Soviet farmers achieved a record harvest this year against the odds of unusually bad weather, a newspaper commented Sunday.

The bumper crop of 235 million tons of grain announced last week by Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev was possible because "Soviet farmers worked enthusiastically, using all their diligence and skill to confront the bad weather," the weekly "Moscow News" wrote.

The newspaper credited the Soviet policy of heavy spending on agriculture, in which capital investment during the past 12 years has totaled \$480 million, more than in the total previous 49 years of Soviet

power. "Grain growing this year was very difficult," said commentator M. Oshchkin. "The cold summer and autumn hindered growth in several areas and the prolonged rains literally paralyzed harvesting."

The important granary region of Kazakhstan sold 16.7 million tons of grain to the state this year, the newspaper said.

In central Asian Uzbekistan, more than 5.2 million tons of cotton were turned over, despite "a cold spring, floods and mudflows which forced farmers to replant hundreds of thousands" of acres.

"And autumn was not very wonderful either," it concluded.

7,000 workers call off strike at Karachi dock

KARACHI, Dec. 10 (AP) — More than 7,000 workers of the Karachi shipyard called off a 10-day strike following acceptance by both sides of the award of the arbitrator on Saturday night.

Under the agreement signed between the workers union and the state owned shipyard management, each worker will receive increased wages and house transport allowances in accordance of their salary status as fixed by the arbitrator.

Not only that the construction of a big sea-going vessel for China and a number of large sized tugs for Iran had stopped, the shipyard was losing daily about \$100,000 because of the total strike by the workers and aided by the managerial staff of the yard.

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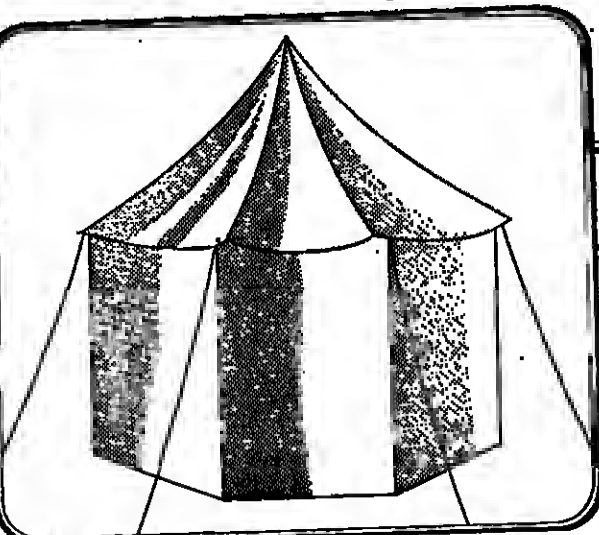
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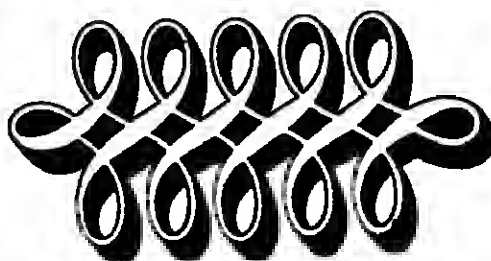


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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 10TH DECEMBER 1978

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—
6	BRILLIANT STAR	ALSAADA	STEEL CEMENT GENERAL	6 12 1978
7	LAN KA RATNA	GULF	TEA	9 12 1978
8	NEW LARK	ORRI	RICE/TIMBER FLOUR	3 12 1978
9	BLUE OCEAN	BAABOUD	DURRA OIL CAKE	6 12 1978
10	HOPE	RED SEA	REBARS GENERAL	4 12 1978
11	—	—	—	—
12	—	—	—	—
13	—	—	—	—
14	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	29 11 1978
15	—	—	—	—
16	BARGES	KANOO	RICE/FLOUR GENERAL	16 11 1978
17	ATLANTIC FOREST	IONIAN CARRIER	BULK CEMENT	12 11 1978
18	—	—	—	—
19	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	28 11 1978
20	GEORGE L.	ANSCO	STEEL & GENERAL	9 12 1978
21	ELIPINAS SAUDI I	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
22	—	—	—	—
23	—	—	—	—
24	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	HERB EVERETT	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	9 12 1978
27	CANADIAN EXPRESS	S.N.L.	GEN. CONTRS	9 12 1978
28	DIMITRIOS	ABUSHAL	DURRA	8 12 1978
29	—	—	—	—
30	—	—	—	—
31	BARGES	A.E.T.	GENERAL	5 12 1978
32	ROBERT E. LEE	ALIREZA	GENERAL	8 12 1978
33	CLAN MCNAB	M.E.S.A.	APPLESS	5 12 1978
34	FAIR REEFER	—	—	—

RO RO

ALPHA CONVEYOR ALGOSAIBI RO RO 9 12 1978

Vessels Working at Anchorage

NIL

2-Recent Arrivals

Vessels	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
ALPHA PROGRESS	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	TEA & CHEESE	9 12 1978
LANKA RATNA	GULF	RO RO	GHEE	9 12 1978
ASIR	SAUDIA LINE	RO RO	BANANAS	9 12 1978
HERB EVERETT	M.E.S.A.	RO RO	CONTAINERS	9 12 1978
SEATRAN	MEDCO	RO RO	—	9 12 1978
ROTTERDAM	A.E.T.	RO RO	—	9 12 1978
MERZARIO	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	—	9 12 1978
AUSORIA	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	—	9 12 1978
ALPHA CONVEYOR	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	—	9 12 1978
CAP LARDIER	ALGOSAIBI	RO RO	—	9 12 1978
CANADIAN EXPRESS	S.N.L.	RO RO	CONTAINERS & GENERAL	9 12 1978
GEORGE L.	ANSCO	RO RO	GENERAL	9 12 1978
TROLL FOREST	MEDCO	RO RO	TO LOAD MTYS	9 12 1978

3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

VESSELS EXPECTED WITHIN 14 DAYS				
NISSOS KERKYRA	STAR NAV.	FROZ. CHICKENS		10 12 1978
BLUE MARU	BAABOUD	DURRA		10 12 1978
LONG BEACH	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS		10 12 1978
REA	BOKHARI	EGG & CHICKENS		10 12 1978
AMAL	BAABOUD	DURRA		10 12 1978
BLUE SKY	BAABOUD	DURRA		10 12 1978
UNION YENBO	O.C.E.	STEEL GEN. TIMBER		10 12 1978
MALDIVES				
SEAFARER	OCEAN TRD.	SORGHUM MAIZE		10 12 1978
MAHA	AL WANI	GROUND NUTS		10 12 1978
PUSHIMI MARU	ALIREZA	GEN CONTRS		10 12 1978
SAUDI CROWN	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS		10 12 1978
MARE TRADER	ALATAS	TO LOAD MTYS		10 12 1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 45,271

WAITING TIME: NIL

Importers having goods on the abovementioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any enquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

11 DECEMBER 1978

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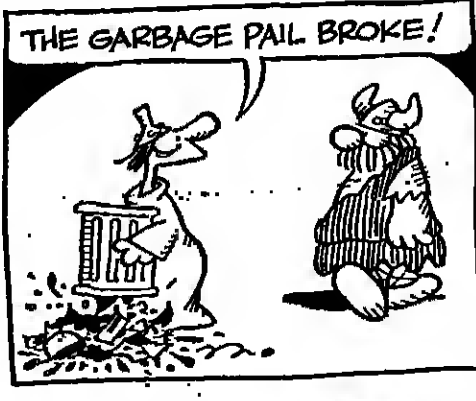
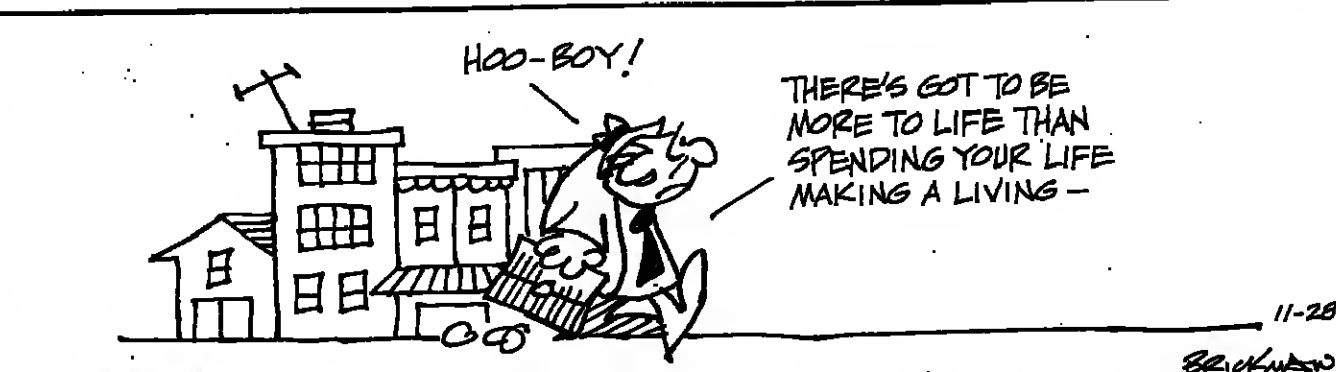
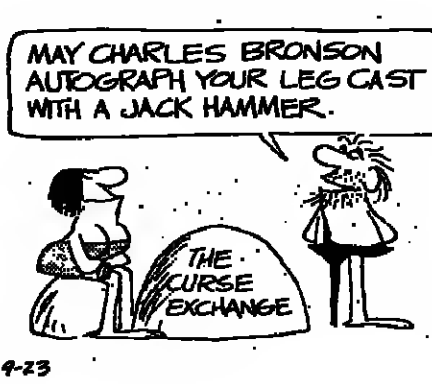
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Defunct basket-

ball league

4 Spain's -

del Sol

9 Clothing

size: abbr.

18 Passageway

to Bethlehem

13 Serving

vehicle

19 Repair

17 Blood

condition

18 Walk upon

26 Baker

Priest

23 In medias

28 Magi guide

23 Iceland

26 Commence

in Tuscan

27 Mother

of Polix

28 Political

graft, slang

29 Modern

ruler

30 Put cash

into

34 Oriental

boat

37 Sher. Fr.

38 Branded

39 Prohibit

41 Concert

about

42 Weight

of Turkey

43 Voice for

"Mother

Machine"

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

DOWN

1 Kitchen

emanation

2 Basque

headwear

3 Athlete's

go-between

4 One of -

5 Mountain

synops

6 Scrutinize

7 Armor

skirt

8 Any

human

being

11 Armenian

Republic

capital

25 Conscience

plagiar

26 German

article

28 Sir Arthur

Wing -

31 Nudge

32 Quench

33 Principle

35 Former

36 Indian

coin

38 Like -

of bricks

39 German

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2 VEILED LADIES
NATURAL FORMATION
IN WOOD PANELING
Submitted by Alva
Cushman Veederburg, Ind.
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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

The Mailbox

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

49 6 3

7 8 4

10 8 5 2

Q 5

WEST

4 10 6 2

7 8

Q 7 3

A J 6 2

EAST

K 7 5 4

10 9 5 3 2

Q 7 3

K 7 4 3

SOUTH

A A J

Q A J

A J 9 6 4

10 9 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

3 NT

Opening lead - two of spades.

Dear Mr. Becker: You have

said many times that the best

players seldom misguess the

location of a missing queen. I

don't doubt that this is true, or

you wouldn't say it, but all the

same I wonder how you'd

solve the diamond problem in

this deal without seeing the

opponents' cards.

I was South in three no-

trump and West led a spade.

I took East's king with the ace

and realized I had nine tricks

and the diamonds were divided

normally, that is, 3-1. I also

normal lead, not an abnormal

one. Sincerely yours, BJB.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

MONDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:27	6:53	12:19	3:25	5:42	7:12
Medina	5:34	6:59	12:21	3:21	5:37	7:07
Nejd	4:59	6:29	11:47	2:48	5:04	6:34

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed
4:50 Jokers Wild	Hard Hat, Heavy
5:30 World Of Sports	No. 508
6:02 Waltons	Acrobatic Water Ski
6:51 Wel. Bk Korter	The Big Brother
	One Of Our Sweathogs Is
	Missing
7:25 Safety Film	Take Notice
7:26 Police Woman	Death Game
8:16 That's My Mama	Cliffons: Big Move
8:41 Second Run	Baxter

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Generally fine weather will prevail throughout the Kingdom, with concentration of clouds over the northern region and parts of the central region and a possible light shower. Thick patches of clouds over the western region and highlands will offer chances of rainfall and occasional thunderstorms. Surface winds will blow southerly over the central and northern regions and easterly over the western region. Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the territorial waters.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)			
Mecca	30	23	31
Jeddah	32	21	19
Riyadh	27	18	07
Dhahran	26	17	20
Medina	29	18	09
Taiif	25	11	27
			18
			05

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
	10:30 Selection of Music
2:45 Under the Limelight	11:00 World of Machines
2:55 Music	11:10 Press Review
3:00 NEWS	11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story
3:10 Press Review	11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians
3:15 Music	12:00 Islamic Contributions
3:20 Music-Machines	12:15 In the Quiet
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	12:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:05 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities; Opinion; Analysis	11:00 Special English; News
8:30 Dateline	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English: News; Feature, The Making of a Nation	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	Midnight
10:00 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities	12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents' reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.
10:45 Opinion; Analysis	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6.00 Radio Newsreel
8:30 Sarah Ward	6.15 Outlook
8:45 World Today	7.00 World News
9:00 Newswatch	7.09 Commentary
9:30 Opera Star	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10:00 World News	7.45 World Today
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	8.00 World News
10:30 Sarah Ward	8.09 Books and Writers
10:45 Something to Show You	8.30 Take One
11.00 World News	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.09 Reflections	9.00 World News
11.15 Piano Style	9.09 News about Britain
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.00 World News	9.30 Farming World
12.09 British Press Review	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.15 World Today	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.30 Financial News	10.43 Look Ahead
12.40 Look Ahead	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.45 The Tony Myall Request Show	11.00 World News
Evening Transmission	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
1.15 Ulster in Focus	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
1.30 Discovery	Midnight Transmission
2.00 World News	12.15 Talkabout
2.09 News about Britain	12.45 Nature
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curies	Nitcheok
2.40 Sports International	1.00 World News
3.00 Radio Newsreel	1.09 World Today
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.25 Financial News
3.45 Sports Round-up	1.35 Book Choice
4.00 World News	1.40 Reflections
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

SIGN

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Others are unpredictable today in business dealings. Protect yourself against loss.

Today and in the coming weeks, you'll work harder for career advancement.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

The unexpected need not lead to an emotional confrontation between you and an associate. Don't throw good money after bad in an impossible situation.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

The picture changes too rapidly to arrive at a conclusion re a work situation. Protect nerves and health. Don't let things upset you.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 21)

You'll have to save some time for children today; also you mustn't be neglectful of friends. Whatever your plans, they may be upset.

LEO

(July 22 to Aug. 22)

Temperamental displays may mar business dealings today. In the future, you'll attend to more details yourself. You may be needed at home.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Compromise seems difficult today when you're presented with both sides of the question. Don't let the unexpected disrupt the whole day.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You'll want to do much rearranging at home base today and in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, make sure that personal possessions are secure.

SCORPIO

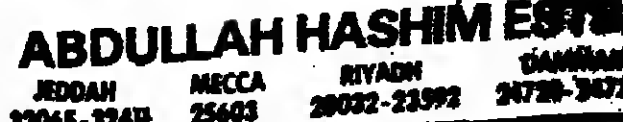
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

The morning hours may have their upsetting moments, but bear no grudges in the p.m. Place the accent on flexibility and you'll cope.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec

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International Finance
International Bourse, commodities, Money and Exchange Rates



سعار الاسهم في البورصات الدولية الرئيسية
INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

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أساطير الذهب والقضة

London Market

LONDON GOLD
December 8

3.00 p.m. fix	\$202.
Morning fix	\$200.

مؤشر دلو جوقز الوستني.

DOW JONES
CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES
December 7

49 Industrials	814.95	DN 5.81	or 0.71%
5 Transport	214.60	DN 1.46	or 0.73%
5 Utilities	101.29	DN 0.83	or 0.82%
5 Stocks	279.23	DN 1.87	or 0.66%

DOW JONES
NOON STOCK AVERAGES
December 8

49 Industrials	812.98	DN 3.11	or 0.38%
5 Transport	216.06	DN 0.54	or 0.25%
5 Utilities	101.01	DN 0.28	or 0.26%
5 Stocks	278.32	DN 0.91	or 0.33%

New York — (AP-1J) — The stock market closed about 8 1/2 points declined in price with most issues gaining.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 5.81 points to 814.95. Volume totaled about 29,258,000 shares compared with 29,689,000 shares Wednesday.

USA	1.9545-1.9555	NEW YORK EXCHANGES OPENING
Canada	2.3930-2.3940	

Opening Rates		Closing Rates	
United States	524	529	
United Kingdom	30000	30000	
France	19600	20110	
Switzerland	1700	1669	
Sweden	176	174.75	
Denmark	1000.50	999	
Netherlands	1110	1100	
Belgium	564	561	
Italy	1821	1821	
Spain	928	925	
Portugal	57.25	57.50	
Greece	63	63	
West Germany	890	890	
Japan	1711	1711	

NOTES: Overseas prices shown exclude commission. Belgian francs shown are after stripping tax.

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NEDLLOYD BAHRAIN

VOY: 4

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LOST

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— Jeddah.

LOST

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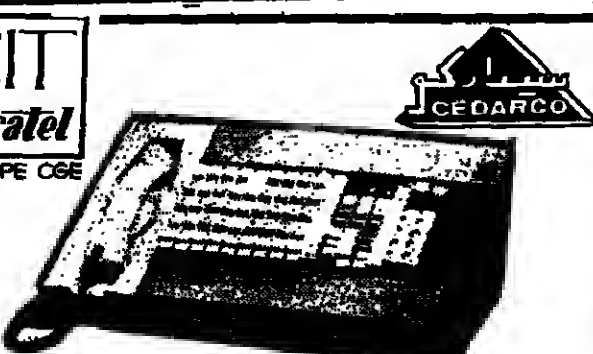
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Nobel laureates awarded prizes, plaudits, checks

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10 (AP) — Nine Nobel Prize winners received their awards from the hands of the king of Sweden before 1,700 guests and 150 million television viewers in a ceremony here Sunday.

The laureates in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and economics, from the United States, Britain, Switzerland and Russia, were handed heavy gold medals, diplomas and checks.

The prize winners this year share about \$825,000. But owing to inflation that has only one third of the purchase power of the first Nobel Prize awarded in 1901 of 150,000 kroner each. This year the sum in each of the five categories had swelled to 725,000 kroner (\$165,000).

The presentation ceremony went according to a schedule followed for decades and carefully rehearsed "in shirtsleeves" earlier Sunday.

The chairman of the Nobel Foundation, Sune Bergstrom, in an opening address described dynamite inventor Alfred Nobel as "a romantic idealist in the spirit of his time, but also a realist with a restlessly creative intellect to the end of his life."

First to be honored were the winners of the physics prize, ranked first in the will of Nobel who bequeathed his vast fortune to scientists and writers "who have benefitted mankind most."

One half of the physics prize was shared by two American

radio astronomers, Arno A. Penzias and Robert W. Wilson, who both work at the Bell Telephone laboratories in New Jersey.

The other half was given to Soviet physicist Pyotr Kapitsa, oldest of the laureates at 84.

Peter Mitchell, a 58-year old British chemist, received the chemistry prize for "bioenergetic" studies of the chemical processes responsible for energy supply and energy transfer of all living cells.

The three medicine prize winners were Werner Arber, 49-year-old professor at Basle University, who shared the prize with two Americans — Daniel Nathans, 50, of Wilmington, Delaware, and New Yorker Hamilton Smith, 47, both microbiologists at Johns Hopkins University Medical School in Baltimore, Maryland.

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IN THE AIR: Tewfik Al-Migren, Saudi full-back, and China's Jung Chih-hang duel for the ball Sunday night at the Asian Games in Bangkok. (Story page 9).

'Der Spiegel' alleges

Bonn security armed all sorts

HAMBURG, Dec. 10 (AP) — West Germany's intelligence agency, sent weapons abroad during the 1960s to a wide range of causes and countries

including both sides in the Biafran war, South Africa, Rhodesia, Jordan and the Greek junta, "Der Spiegel" reported Sunday.

The magazine said details of the operation by the Federal Information Service, known by its German initials BND, are contained in a top secret report drafted five years ago for the chancellor's office by BND chief Gerhard Wessel.

"Der Spiegel" quoted the report as saying the arms were delivered through a Hamburg firm known as "Weapons and Equipment."

According to the magazine, the firm also delivered "a sample of goods worth 1,750 marks to the Peoples' Republic of China" during the time of the Ussuri River border dispute between Moscow and Peking.

"Der Spiegel" also says the report tells how the BND sent weapons to India and Pakistan

during 1965 and 1966 through a Bonn company known as Merex.

There was no immediate comment from the government.

Leaner government was aim of purges, Neto tells crowd

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 10 (UPI) — Angolan President Agostinho Neto said Sunday he abolished the posts of prime minister and deputy prime minister to streamline cumbersome bureaucracy.

South African Radio reported that Neto, speaking at a rally marking the 22nd anniversary of the formation of the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) in the capital of Luanda, said he would not tolerate interference in the chain of command between himself and the Angolan people.

Neto's speech follows an Angolan News Agency (ANGOP) statement Saturday that Prime Minister Lopo do Nascimento and Economics Minister Carlos Rocha Dilova were sacked from their government and Pouturo posts by the government Central Committee.

ANGOP said Sunday reports that Neto would abandon his post to a general appointed to replace him were "ridiculous and totally false."

Neto said he would be "very sad indeed" if he were ousted as head of state but that prou-

lems of state needed to be dealt with objectively and without personal considerations.

He criticized the MPLA for not being active in Angola and that "its representation among the people" was poor, the radio said. The government would correct this, he said.

The president also said some

government officials would be sent to rural areas from Luanda to streamline the government and improve contact with the people.

He was in favor of a moderate degree of private enterprise in the country and that would not clash with the MPLA's nationalist policies.

Filipino miners asking end to martial law, strike ban

MANILA, Dec. 10 (UPI) — Filipino mine workers Sunday called for the lifting of martial law in the Philippines and full restoration of the right to strike.

The Confederation of Mine Workers issued a resolution approved by 250 delegates to a convention of representatives of about 20 mining unions and federations.

The resolution urged the government to lift martial law "at least in those areas of the country where there exists peace and order in the judgment or discretion" of President Ferdinand Marcos.

Marcos declared martial law in September 1972 and banned strikes in "vital industries" such as public utilities or export industries.

Marcos said recently he would consider ending the emergency after the Muslim separatist rebellion in the southern Philippines had been settled.

Also Sunday, it was reported that in a southern Philippines town police had reimposed a curfew and ordered residents who must venture out in emergencies to carry lanterns.

London link

Jeddah investment service launched today

Special to Arab News
JEDDAH, Dec. 10 — Saudi Arabia's first investment and stock market information service is due to be launched here Monday night.

The service will for the first time put Saudi investors and businessmen in daily, up-to-the-minute contact with developments on the London Stock Exchange and on other key world financial markets, according to its founders.

The company organizing the service, Saudi Research and Investment Ltd., believes that it will provide a new source of capital for international markets from both Saudi and

expatriate investors here. And it calls the service, "placing Saudis and foreign residents firmly within the square mile of the City of London."

The company says that, beginning Monday, it will be possible to walk into its offices on Medina Road here and study share movements on the major world markets displayed on a large mechanical price board.

Buying and selling orders may also be given at the office, and will be sent to London by teletype, the company said.

According to its founders, the heart of the new operation

is a direct telex link with London installed after 12 months of detailed planning. This service transmits and receives simultaneously, and is one of the few established in Saudi Arabia for commercial purposes.

The London end of the telexlink is in the offices of stock brokers Rowe Rudd and Co.

The directors are Hisham Ali Hafiz and Mohammed Ali Hafiz, two brothers who publish "Arab News" in Jeddah along with the Arabic daily "Ashraq al-Awsat" and the weekly, "Saudi Business." A third brother, Abdul Fattah

Hafiz, who has worked with Petromin and the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, has been appointed general manager.

Saudi Research and Investment also has a representative in Geneva. This will enable the company to provide services for Saudis visiting Switzerland.

In addition to price and dealing services, Saudi Research and Investment will offer complete portfolio management and to give corporate advice to British and foreign firms planning to become established in Saudi Arabia.

In Mecca

1,500 years of Islam meeting opens

MECCA, Dec. 10 (SPA) — Meetings of the preparatory conference on marking the advent of the 15th century of the Islamic era began here Sunday.

Sheikh Samir Al-Shehaby, the leader of the Saudi delegation, welcomed the delegations and wished them success in adopting resolutions that

would serve the interests of Muslims throughout the world.

Dr. Ahmed Ramzi, Moroccan minister of endowments and Islamic affairs, thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for Saudi Arabia's role in the service of Islam and Muslims.

He said that the liberation of the Aqsa Mosque and the problems of Muslim minorities

were the most significant matters to be settled during the 15th century.

The Sudanese delegate was elected chairman, with the Turkish delegate as chairman of committees and first deputy chairman of the conference and the delegate of Mali as second deputy chairman. The Pakistani delegate was elected moderator of committees.

Three committees were set up Sunday: the programs Committee, the Budget Committee and the Draft Committee.

prosperity in the area, and was also a "dynamic construction to which all should contribute, each adding a new brick. It goes far beyond a formal agreement or treaty, it transcends a word here or there," he said.

He said: "The people of Egypt have embarked upon a major effort to achieve peace in the Middle East, an area of paramount importance to the whole world."

"We will spare no effort,"

From page one

Sadat

we will not tire or despair, we will not lose faith, and we are confident that, in the end, our aim will be achieved."

The president made an early tribute to President Carter who engineered the Camp David accords.

"Recognition is due to a man of the highest integrity:

Lebanon

tal Sunday. Among them were national Liberal Party leader Camille Chamoun, and Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel.

Former Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh Saturday sent a cable to Shahr expressing regret and condemnation over the incident.

Former Premier Rashid Soleh, former minister Majid Arslan, and Safio Wazan, chairman of the Higher Islamic Council, have also expressed regret over the incident.

President Jimmy Carter whose signal efforts to overcome obstacles in the way of peace deserve our keenest appreciation," he said.

He concluded his speech by asking his audience "to join me in a prayer that the day may soon come when peace will prevail, on the basis of justice and the recognition of the rights of all peoples to shape their own life, to determine their own future, and to contribute to building a world of prosperity for all mankind."

Feared

and forces inside and outside the country should respect this firm decision....All should submit to the unanimous and firm determination of the people which is the best guarantee to build a free, progressive and independent Iran on the basis of democracy and precepts of Islam."

The official Iranian news agency in a brief despatch on Sunday's event, said "around 400,000 of Tehran's citizens marched in the city to mark the religious mourning period and human rights day. Pars said marches were also held in all of Iran's provinces to commemorate the mourning days, and no violence was reported from any part of the country.

Vance

Vance's projected strategy is to ask Sadat to accept the end of 1979 as a target for Palestinian elections. He would also have to get Begin's approval to the compromise.

Egypt has also questioned another treaty article governing demilitarization of the Sinai after it is relinquished by Israel and the stationing of U.N. troops there.

While not challenging the peacekeeping measures, Egypt wants the language revised to show, more clearly, that its

sovereignty over the area would be intact.

U.S. officials do not consider the dispute to be a major one.

Sadat received Vance on a day when Begin was in Oslo receiving the Nobel peace prize he shares jointly with Sadat.

Cabinet

It said that King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd had made clear "their deep interest in such projects and urged all the authorities concerned to spare no effort executing the works connected with them."

Dr. Yamani said that a draft proposal submitted by the minister of industry and electricity, Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, on foreign capital investment came up for discussion.

The Council will continue discussions on this matter at a future meeting, he added.

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